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THIRD TEST MATCH.

BRILLIANT BATTING BY HAMMOND.

ENGLAND 85 BEHIND WITH SIX WICKETS IN HAND.

BLACKIE BOWLS FINELY.

Brilliant batting by Hammond was the sure of the play in the Third Test Match yesterday, and the close of play, England had 812 runs, being only 85 in arrears with six wickets to fall.

The most valuable partnership was that between Hammond and Sutcliffe. The pair put on 133 runs for the second wicket, of which number Sutcliffe scored 60.

Partnerships, however, were completely overshadowed by the personal achievement of Walter Hammond, who at the end of the play had contributed 169 (not out).

The big score was made in a perfect exhibition of batting, Hammond combining superb defence with ready attack on anything loose. He gave no chance at a time, and yet managed to score more than half the Engla total.

During the day, he put on 147 runs, while England added only 265. The figures are testimony in themselves to Hammond's splendid effort.

The young Gloucester professional is now within reach of another double century. If he attains it coveted figure this morning, he will be the only player to have made two double centuries in Test Matches, and, of course, the fact of making them in successive innings, would be most remarkable.

HAMMOND MAKES 169 NOT OUT.

Melbourne, Jan. 1. In the short interval before tea, when Hammond and Hendren faced the Australian attack, Hendren went down quickly and was never trouble. In the meantime, Hammond with a nice stroke reached his 100, his second in consecutive Test innings. He had batted in masterly fashion for 222 minutes without giving the slightest chance. At tea-time, the score stood at 215 for 8 wickets, Hammond doing 103 and Hendren 10.

A Beckett's Brilliant Catch.

The crowd had by this time swelled to 300. Hammond and Hendren seemed likely to make a valuable stand, both in batting with great confidence. After adding nine runs, however, Hendren was out to a brilliant catch at short leg. He hooked lendy powerfully off leg, and A'Beckett snapped up the difficult catch in splendid fashion. The tenth wicket fell at 238.

Hammond continued to bat with great economy and his partner, Jardine also took toll of bowling which was beginning to tire. Hammond hit out.

In the over, off Oxenham, Hammond scored 12 runs, which although nothing sensational, is a record for the present match.

Both batting and bowling were excellent in the closing stages. Hammond reached his 150 after 283 minutes, the last fifty runs occurring in 61 minutes.

At the close of play, the score stood at 312 for 4 wickets, Hammond being not out 169.

Australia 1st Innings 397.

Bowling Analysis.

	O. M. R.	W.
Larwood	37	3 127
Tat	46	17 87
Gary	31.5	4 83
Hammond	8	4 19
White	57	30 64
Jardine	1	10
England 1st Innings		
J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b A'Beckett		
H. Sutcliffe, b Blackie	58	
W. R. Hammond not out	169	
A. P. F. Chapman, b Blackie	24	
E. Hendren, c A'Beckett, b Hendry	19	
D. R. Jardine not out	21	
Extra	1	
Total (for 4 wkt)	312	

Chapman Dismissed.

A. P. F. Chapman, England's skipper, joined Hammond, replacing Jardine in the batting, in order to make use of latter's wonderful defence if should become necessary.

Chapman had a bright knock, going 24 out of 40, and was saved by Blackie.

Very attractive cricket was seen

NEW YEAR'S EVE TRAGEDY.

EATING-HOUSE PROPRIETOR SHOT DEAD.

RAID BY ROBBERS.

An eating-house situated by the roadside at Tai Wah Street, Mongkok, was the scene of an armed robbery and tragedy on New Year's Eve. The place was raided by armed robbers, who shot the proprietor dead and escaped with \$230.

One of the folks told the police that he immediately bolted from the shop upon being made aware of the intentions of the visitors, and as he left, he heard his employer utter a cry which was followed by the report of a revolver shot.

Returning to the shop some time later with the wife of the proprietor, he found the owner dying from a revolver wound. The man died

JAPANESE STEAMER FOUNDERS.

Destroyer Discovers four Survivors Only.

NEW YEAR TRAGEDY.

Shanghai, Jan. 1. A shipping tragedy appears to be contained in a report from Japan to the effect that the *Toyotomi Maru* sent out frantic distress signals this morning, vessels answering the call failing to find any trace of the steamer.

The S.O.S. calls were picked up by the Japanese Naval Station at Sasebo, and a destroyer was immediately despatched.

The destroyer now wirelesses that it had been unable to discover any trace of the vessel.

Four of the crew have been picked up, and it is feared that the remaining 31 have been drowned.—Reuter.

British Experts Appointed.

London, Dec. 31. It is announced that Sir Josiah Stamp, who was one of the British representatives on the Dawes Commission, and Lord Revelstoke, who is a director of the Bank of England, have been appointed to act as the British representatives on the Committee of Experts which is to go into the problem of reparations.—Reuter.

Within a few minutes of their return without being able to say what had happened.

The shop is in an isolated section of the Mongkok district. Recalling an incident earlier in the day, the folk told the police that a customer was in the shop when a sum of money amounting to \$230 was handed over to the proprietor by a nephew.

This sum was stolen by the robbers, and the incident now appears to the police to be of some importance because the folk says that he has recognised the customer, as being one of the gang who carried out the robbery.

FRENCH POLITICAL SURPRISE.

M. POINCARÉ DESIROUS OF RESIGNING.

BUT CHANGES MIND.

Paris, Dec. 31. It is revealed that M. Poincaré declared that as the Budget had been voted, and the stabilisation of the franc secured, he considered that his task had been achieved. He therefore intended to resign.

In a discussion which followed, however, the Ministers unanimously expressed the view that, despite the importance of the results reached, considerable task, both internal and external, remained, and M. Poincaré's presence in the Cabinet was indispensable in dealing with it.

Thereupon, M. Poincaré withdrew his intention to resign. Marselles, Dec. 31.

Firemen have extinguished the fire which broke out aboard the liner *Paul Lecat* while she was in dry dock.

All the internal fittings were destroyed, only the hull being saved.

The cause of the fire is still unknown.—Reuter.

NEW UNDER-SECRETARY.

London, Jan. 1.

The Earl of Plymouth has been

appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Dominion Affairs, in

succession to Lord Lovat.

British Wireless.

Full of wickets: 1 for 28 (Hobbs), 2 for 161 (Sutcliffe), 3 for 201 (Chapman), 4 for 233 (Hendren).

GERMAN ABILITY TO PAY.

MR. PARKER GILBERT AND REPARATION.

CITICISES INCREASES OF OFFICIAL SALARIES.

TWO BRITISH EXPERTS.

Berlin, Jan. 1. Some pointed comment on Germany's capacity to meet her reparations commitments, as certain financial errors, as contained in the fourth Annuity Year report of Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations Payments.

Mr. Parker Gilbert says that Germany has again made all payments required of her, namely, 1,750,000,000 gold marks, loyally and punctually.

Allied Shares.

The British share is 375,000,000 marks, of which 13,000,000 marks is used for the expenses of the British Army of Occupation in the Rhine Land Zones.

France's share is 1,000,000,000 marks of which 50,000,000 marks is devoted to the service of the French Army on the Rhine.

Mr. Gilbert Parker, reporting on Germany's financial position generally, again draws attention to the sweeping increases in official salaries and pensions, and the continuing drain of the financial settlement between the Reich and the States Comunes.

Advice to Germany.

In connexion with this latter arrangement, Mr. Gilbert declares that the German Government by taking practical steps to protect its own budget, can save hundreds of millions of marks.

He adds: There can be no question of the ability of the budget of the Reich to provide the full amount of its standard contribution under the experts' plan, namely, 2,600,000,000 gold marks in the year 1929-30.—Reuter.

WHILE PAYING WAGES.

Shanghai, Jan. 1. New Year's Eve was marked by a tragic murder here, the victim being a Belgian account named Mr. A. Blevez.

At six o'clock in the evening, Mr. Blevez was paying out £4,000 in wages to employees of a brick factory situated in Brennan Road when five armed robbers entered from the back of the premises and shot him in the back. The assailants then made off with £1,200.

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CHANGES IN THE AIR MINISTRY.

THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE.

London, Jan. 1. The Air Ministry announces that Air Marshal Sir John Salmond has been appointed Air Chief Marshal.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Higgins has been appointed Air Marshal, and Air Commodore H. C. T. Dowding, Air Vice-Marshal.—Reuter.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE PRINCE.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO MINERS.

London, Jan. 1. American friends of the Prince of Wales, who otherwise are anonymous, have contributed £20,000 to the Miners' Relief Fund, in response to the broadcast of the Prince's Christmas appeal.

The money was transferred from America following a New York-London conversation between an American friend of the Prince and Sir Godfrey Thomas, his secretary.—Reuter.

THE PAUL LECAT FIRE.

ALL INTERNAL FITTINGS DESTROYED.

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THE OTHER SIX DIED IN THEIR SLEEP.

New York, Dec. 31.

New York has been shocked by the news of a terrible tragedy in the city, occurring to-day.

Police were called in to investigate a strong escape of gas from a flat, and could obtain no answer from the inmates.

The door was forced, and a ghastly sight greeted the eyes of the officials. All seven members of the family living in the flat were dead.

The cause of the tragedy is unknown, but one of the bodies was found in a position which seemed to indicate that he was trying to crawl to the window in order to open it when he fell down overcome by the fumes.

The other six all died in their sleep.—Reuter's American Service.

HAYLEY MORRISS APPEAL.

OBJECTION TO MAINTENANCE NOT UPHELD.

MATTER OF INCOME.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Lawrence in the Court of Appeal on Dec. 8 dismissed an appeal by Mr. Hayley Morris, of Pippington Park, Nutley, from an order of Mr. Justice Hill, who had dismissed an appeal from an order of the Registrar fixing permanent maintenance for Mr. Morris' former wife, Mrs. Daphne Morris, and their three children, at £1,200.

Mr. H. Simmons, for Mr. Morris, said that the objection was to the amount of maintenance. The income in the main depended on two properties, from one of these consisting of certain Chinese gold bonds. Mr. Morris derived an income which the Registrar

BELGIAN ACCOUNTANT MURDERED.

Shot in Back by Robbers in Shanghai.

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PROGRESS SLOWER THAN HOPED.



Our picture shows a view of repair work in progress on the interior of Restormel Castle, in the Fowey Valley, photographed from the chapel through a massive archway. Restormel is one of the three Cornish castles which are being restored by the Office of Works, the others being St. Mawes and Pendennis. (Times copyright).



This picture of Major Zee, commanding officer of the Chinese Company, Shanghai Volunteer Corps, was taken at the recent S.V.C. Parade.



This picture shows H. R. H. The Prince of Wales in Uganda in rather dignified participation in a "omwejoko" (sham battle) staged with the accompaniment of war drums and chants. So pleased were the natives with the democratic prince that they rattled their spears and cheered as he passed through their ranks.



A recent photograph of the Drums of The First Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, who after a stay of over a year in the Far East, partly in Hongkong and partly in Shanghai, are leaving soon for Malta.



Mr. Stanley Drewitt, a leading performer with the Maedona players, who are opening in Hongkong on Monday next. The Company's repertoire consists of Bernard Shaw plays only.



Mr. Terence O'Brien, an interpreter of Bernard Shaw's art, who is with the Maedona Players.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz.—

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.
By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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Hongkong, Jan. 1st, 1929.

NOTICE.

By mutual agreement, Mr. Joao Hoytor Botelho has retired from our firm as from 31st December, 1927, and his responsibility has ceased as from that date.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

Mr. Archibald Reid Botelho having severed his connection with our firm, the Power of Attorney heretofore granted him, is cancelled.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

The Hongkong Tramways Limited has been subject to the approval of the Government assumed control of the business of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company (1926) Ltd. of Kowloon and will operate that undertaking as from to-day.

L. C. F. BELLAMY,

General Manager.

Hongkong, January 1st, 1929.

NOTICE.

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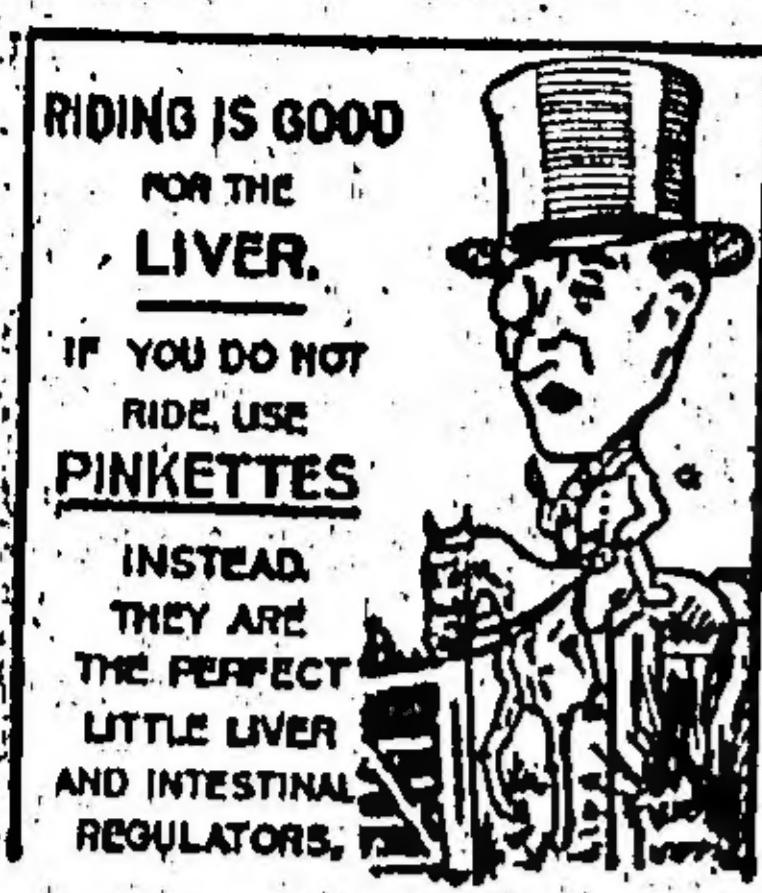
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POLICE RESERVE.

OFFICIAL ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

The Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., are as follows:

POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

The classes for Police Reservists will be resumed on Tuesday, January 8th, at 6.00 p.m.

SQUAD DRILL.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill etc. on Thursday, January 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Mufti. At this parade, an examination will be held with a view to passing out those who are efficient in Part I.

CHINESE COMPANY.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. C. Wilson on Thursday, January 3rd, at 6.00 p.m.

"FIRST AID TO THE INJURED."—The class for instruction in First Aid will commence at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, January 9th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Lecturer—Dr. T. P. Woo, M.B., Ch.B., Edin., Divisional Surgeon of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Each member will bring his own note-book and pencil.

INSPECTION PARADE.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, January 10th, for the monthly-inspection of Arms, Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall-in at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Rifle, Belt, Side-arm, Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet, Badges, "Pocket Policeman," and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of Uniform will attend in Mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

INDIAN COMPANY.

PARADE.—The Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, January 8th, for drill under Sergeant P. Condon. Fall-in at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Belt and Cap without cover.

FLYING SQUAD.

STRENGTH.—Constable R331 A. E. Greenway has been permitted to resign, upon completing one full year's service with effect from December 21st.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 8th. Fall-in at the Tsim-tsa-tsui Fire Brigade Station at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

There will be no instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section on Thursday, January 3rd.

SHARPSHOOTERS' COMPANY.

REVOLVER PRACTICE.—Revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, January 6th, at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with belts and holsters with revolvers. Uniform optional. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R). Hongkong, January 1st, 1929.

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Fashion Notes.

BLENDING OF COLOURS AND MATERIALS.

One of the most striking things about some of the evening frocks is the way in which colours and materials are combined, while not infrequently a touch of some colour entirely different from that of the gown will be introduced. An instance of the latter was seen in one recent collection, when, among the draperies at the side of a green chiffon gown, a loop of pastel-blue chiffon was placed.

It was daring, but entirely successful. Chiffon and tulio are extremely fashionable just now, as well as the heavier fabrics, such as velvet, satin, and taffetas; the last-named is very popular in the robes-de-style, of which there are some charming examples.

Taffetas, by the way, is much used for the new spiral-flounced afternoon dress, usually in black. The spiral flounces are very full, giving a somewhat "bouffant" appearance. Lamé and metal tissues have been seen in entirely different ways, and they usually strike a note of almost Oriental luxury, which is quite in keeping with the rest of Fashion's latest decrees.

DONTS IN DRESS.

The don'ts in dress are legion, and they are almost more important than their opposites. Don't have too many dresses. Don't have too much trimming. It is better to follow fashion at a reasonable distance; she is an excellent servant, but a bad mistress. Use her according to your needs and pocket, and let the motto over your wardrobe be, "Be simple, be neat, and never try to be grand."

INDIAN COMPANY.

Parade.—The Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, January 8th, for drill under Sergeant P. Condon. Fall-in at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Belt and Cap without cover.

FLYING SQUAD.

Strength.—Constable R331 A. E. Greenway has been permitted to resign, upon completing one full year's service with effect from December 21st.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 8th. Fall-in at the Tsim-tsa-tsui Fire Brigade Station at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

There will be no instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section on Thursday, January 3rd.

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REVOLVER PRACTICE.—Revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, January 6th, at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with belts and holsters with revolvers. Uniform optional. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R). Hongkong, January 1st, 1929.

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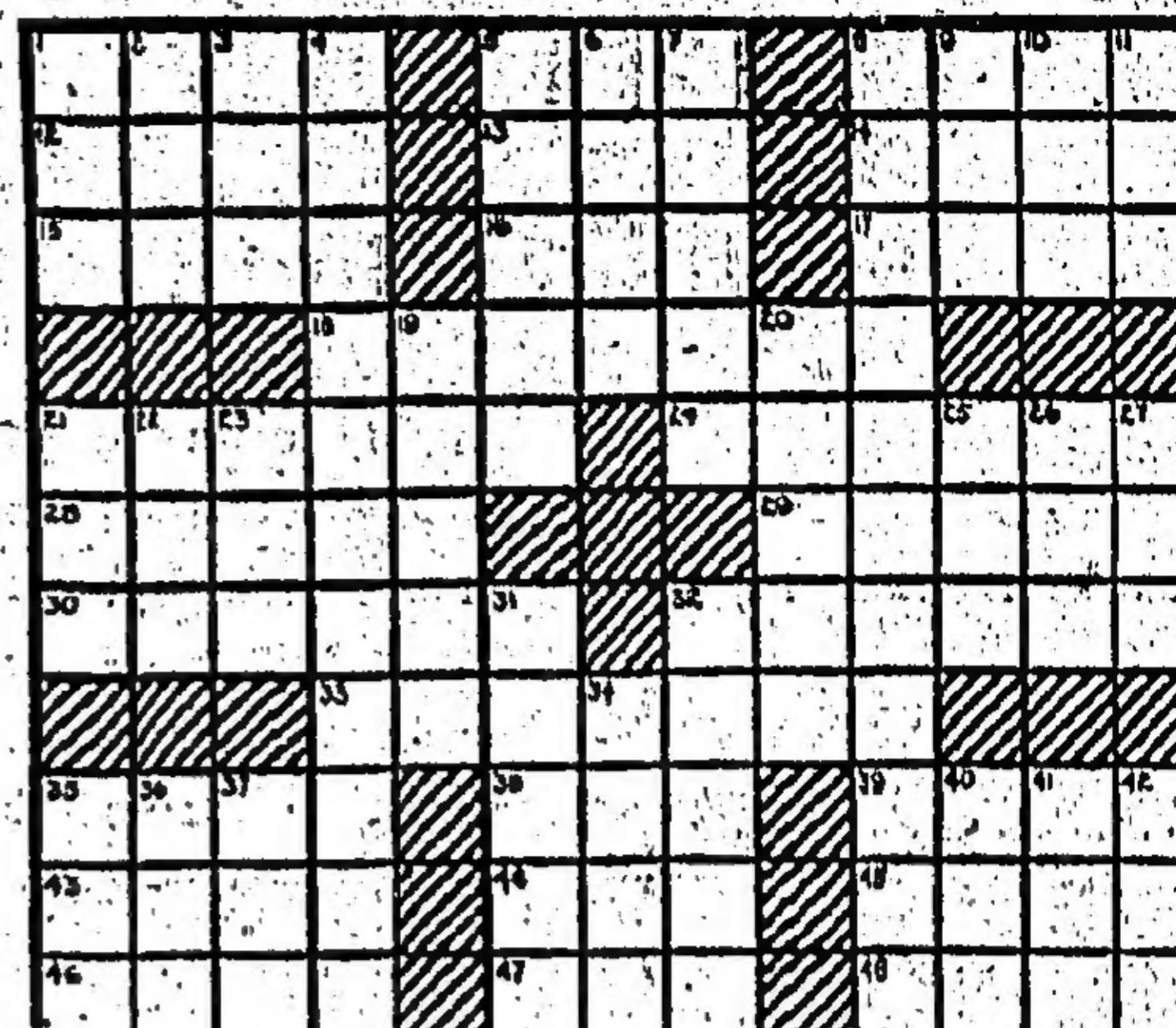
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- Quartering place for troops.
- Native metal.
- Beverage.
- Organ of hearing.
- To wash lightly.
- Shed for doves.
- A mixture.
- By.
- A portion of the earth's surface.
- To suppose.
- Portuguese money of account.
- Close.
- To guard.
- American pigeon hawk.
- Mad of flowers.
- Portaling to birds.
- Growing out.
- Negligent.
- Stopped up as water.
- To conceal.
- Bark of the paper mulberry.
- To knock.
- Home of a bird.
- Foretoken.
- Since.
- Largest land plant.
- To breathe heavily and laboriously.
- House canary.
- Embryo plant.

7 Compendium.
8 Quartering place for troops.
9 Native metal.
10 Beverage.
11 Organ of hearing.
12 To wash lightly.
13 Wedge-shaped piece of wood.
14 To damage.
15 Night preceding a holiday.
16 Edge.
17 Battling machine.
18 Devoured.
19 Guided.
20 A bit.
21 Station.

22 Wrath.

23 Child's rattling toy.

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26 Before.

27 To observe.

28 To scatter as hay.

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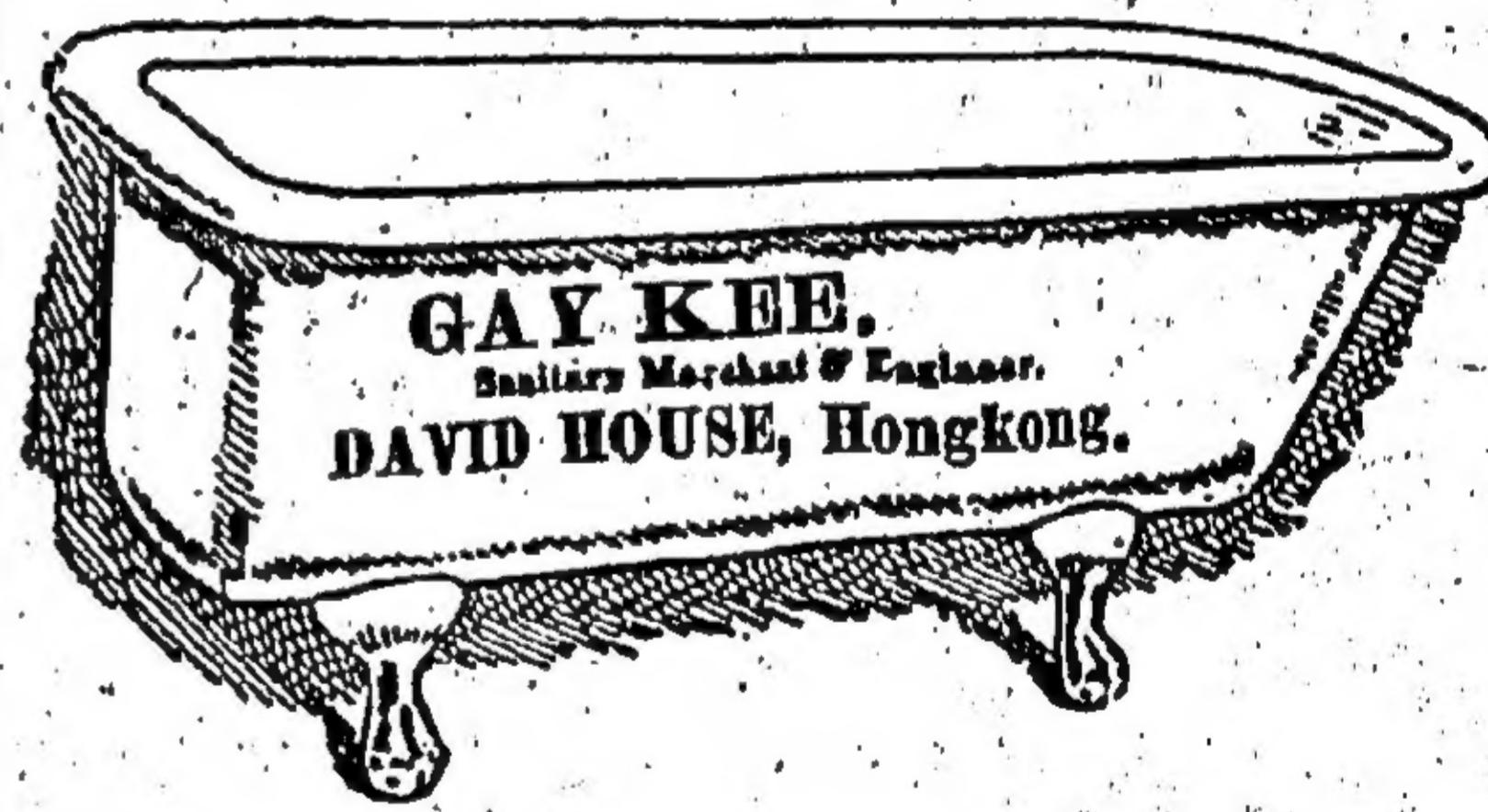
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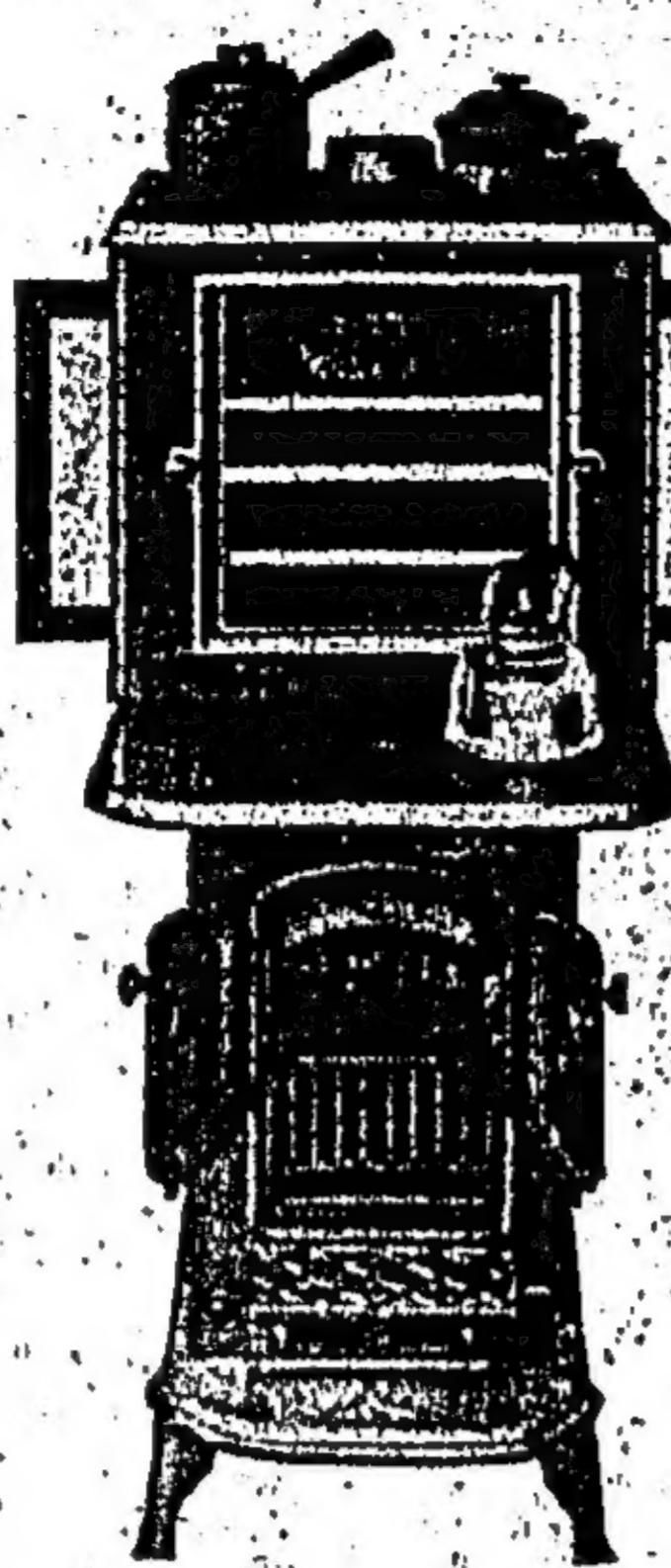
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THE NEW YEAR IN CHINA.

Having concluded fresh treaties with several of the Powers and secured the adherence of Manchuria, the National Government in Nanking starts the New Year under conditions which give great hopes for the future. It may, indeed, be said that the prestige of the Government has never stood so high as it does at the moment. Whilst this is true, however, it would be a wilful shutting of the eyes to the facts to suggest that its troubles are now over. Actually, all that has been accomplished so far is the laying of the foundations for the days to come. The real task still lies ahead, and the manner in which China's new leaders grapple with actualities will be the true test of the Government's fitness for the work to which it has put its hands. There are dangers ahead, but we see no reason why, if Party bickerings are avoided, Nanking's statesmen should not succeed in discharging the heavy responsibilities which they have undertaken.

One of the most satisfactory features of the situation is that the Government leaders appear to be united in their determination to have nothing to do with extremist politics, and with Manchuria also pledged to wage war on Communism there are good grounds for thinking that there will be no more official flirting with Moscow's mischief-makers. But that is not to say that the Communist danger no longer exists in China. It most decidedly does, for forces have been released in the past which even now it is by no means easy to control. In various parts of the country, the "Reds" are still surreptitiously carrying on their campaign, the main features of which are the advocacy of restoring diplomatic relations with Russia and the overthrow of the Kuomintang as well as the

Nanking Moderates. In Shanghai particularly have the agitators been at work, whilst we have recently read of much activity on the part of the Left Wing of the Kuomintang Party in Tientsin and Peking, which is urging the expulsion of the Nanking leaders and the offering of a warm welcome to exiled extremists such as Wang Ching-wei. Efforts will no doubt be made to secure, at the forthcoming Kuomintang Congress, the restoration to power of men who are notorious for their "Red" tinge, but if unity is preserved amongst the Moderates it should be possible to prevent any such development.

Recent reports of extremist activity in Shanghai show that, realising its shortcomings in the internal working of the Chinese Communist Party, the Communist Internationale is now endeavouring to effect reforms which will enable the working and peasant classes to dominate the Party. This policy of the Third Internationale is not entirely new, but Shanghai officials attach some importance to it in view of past failures to extend Communist influence in political and Government circles. Those at the head of this agitation are urging the creation of Trade Union organisations to fight for Communism. In return, more posts for the workers and peasants are promised in the Party Executive. Among disbanded troops and famine-stricken peasants, this propaganda may be expected to yield some results, but if the National Government sets a firm face to this evil, it should be able to keep control of the situation. The hope of all well-wishers of China is that China's leaders will prove equal to the task which lies ahead, and that 1929 may witness many further steps along the road to national progress and the building up of a strong and stable administration.

Political Portents.

While the political parties will have much to interest them in three of the four bye-elections taking place one after the other in the next week or two, we imagine that some difficulty will be experienced in inducing the constituents to take a like interest. These end-of-the-term contests, when the remaining life of the Government is so short, do not meet with great favour, and no great capital can really be made out of the results. The London-derry seat is safely Conservative and no contest is likely. The remainder, however, are fluctuating seats, the deceased members being Labour in two cases and Conservative in the other. The parties concerned will campaign intensively to hold their seats, if merely for the sake of the moral effect thereby exerted, at the same time, no great stress will be placed on an adverse decision. The probabilities are that the Labour Party will hold their seats well. The proofs are gradually accumulating that Labour is steadily approaching the point when it will be the strongest single party in the country, and that it is now very near that point. An analysis of voting figures in the last six months shows that Labour polled 70,700 votes in nine bye-elections, as against 79,200 by the Conservatives and 48,700 by the Liberals. The growing portents of British politics seems to indicate that under universal suffrage, the unknown element in the General Election (therefore imparting greater interest to the bye-elections pending) Labour may poll the heaviest vote ever cast for a single party in the history of the country. A great deal depends on the balance in three-cornered contests. In present circumstances, the Conservatives stand to gain most by the minority vote system. It is a matter of some doubt giving old campaigners to think seriously whether this will always prove the case. There will be a three-cornered contest at Wanseeck which may possibly provide an aid to estimation.

Tributes were paid to Mr. Fung Ping-shan for his enthusiasm for library organisation, special reference being made to the new Library in Sun Wu City, where Mr. Fung spent \$100,000.

DAY BY DAY.

Mr. S. T. Butlin and Mr. H. R. Forsyth have been taken into partnership in the firm of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants.

The P. and O. s.s. Moree, from Singapore, is due here at 2 p.m. on Friday.

A GOOD PRINCIPLE GETS MORE KNOCKS THAN A BAD ONE.—Professor Harris Bickford.

H.M.S. Concord, bringing relief for the China Station, arrived at Singapore yesterday. H.M.S. Kent, the flagship, has left Macassar for Sourabaya.

At the Criminal Sessions on Monday, Yuen Ping-kwan was found guilty of piracy aboard the s.s. Anking and was sentenced to death by the Chief Justice.

A concert organised by Mrs. Cashman will be given at the Helena May on Thursday, 10th January, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets must be booked in advance.—Adv.

The transport Neuralin left Shanghai on December 31 at noon and is due to arrive here tomorrow morning. She will berth at No. 6 Naval buoy on arrival.

Amongst the passengers arriving by the s.s. President Taft was Mr. O. Brusgaard, a son of the owner of the Brusgaard Steamship Line. Mr. D. M. Biggar returned by the same steamer.

Mr. J. Buchanan, Hon. Secretary of the S.P.C.A., writes to say that the Mongkok Home, referred to by Mr. J. P. Braga at the last meeting of the Sanitary Board, is in no way connected with the Society.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. L. Forrest, accountant, No. 2, Pratt Building, Kowloon, to Miss C. Noronha, No. 22, Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon; and Mr. E. L. Vas, clerk, of the P. and O. Bank, residing at St. Joseph's Building, Hongkong, to Miss H. M. da Silva, of the same address.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$7,600 was left by Ching Sui (or Shui), accountant, late of Nam Long village, Chung Shan District, Kwang-tung, who died intestate at the Young Wo Nursing Home, Happy Valley, on or about July 23, this year. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Ching Leong Choy Ho, who is temporarily residing at No. 133, Connaught Road Central.

CHINESE LIBRARY OPENED.

INTERESTING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUNCTION.

The formal opening of a modern and exceedingly well-organised Chinese library, formed under the auspices of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, took place yesterday afternoon at the Chamber's office, Connaught Road Central.

The function marks a definite step in Hongkong towards the promotion of the study of Chinese literature.

There was a very large attendance, those present including Mr. Li Yau-tsui, (the Chairman) Messrs. Yip Lan-chuen, Tang Shiu-kin, Wong Kwong-tin, Fung Ping-shan, Leung Pat-yue, Leung Yuen-wo, Chan Heung-pak, Choy Hing, Ma Ying-plu, and others.

In the opening speech, Mr. Li Yau-tsui said that the formation of the new library was made possible principally by the general donations of Mr. Fung Ping-shan and other members of the Chinese Chamber. At the moment the library was far from complete, but it was hoped that its extension would be brought about with the support of the Chamber, and the public.

Mr. Li said that particular attention had been paid to the supply of commercial books, besides books of more general interest.

Mr. Yip Lan-chuen spoke in similar tones, stressing the necessity for improvements to make the institution worthy of its name.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin referred to the value of Chinese learning and the importance of assimilating the moral teachings of the ancient Chinese sages as well as the learning and great thoughts of the present age.

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WIRELESS BROADCAST.

LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Following is the local wireless broadcast programme for to-day:—

G.W.O. on 890 metres.
1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Victor Records).

Russian Inn—Medley of Waltzes, Kirillov's Balalaika Orchestra.

"Gloves," "My Old Shake," Harry Dearth, Bass.

"Trees" and "Invictus"—John Brynle, Baritone.

"Prelude in G Minor" Fugue in G Minor—Marcel Depre, Organ.

"Father O'Flynn" and "Glorious Devon"—Robert Radford, Bass.

"Song of the Lute" and "Tannhäuser" Oh, Hall of Song—Maria Jeritza, Soprano.

"The Question" and "The Answer," Reginald Goss-Custard F.R.C.O., Organ.

"Wait" and "In An Old Fashioned Town"—John Turner, Tenor.

"To Pass the Time Away" "Once upon a Time"—Melville Glendon, Baritone.

"Just a Cottage Small" and "Through All the Days To Be," John McCormack, Tenor.

"Gavotte" and "Menuet"—Fritz Kreisler, Violin.

"Deep River" and "Irish Reel," Flonzaley Quartet.

"Duns" and "Gipsy Love Song," Reinhard Weerenrath, Baritone.

"Moment Musicales" and "Romance" Barlett Music, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Roses of Picardy" and "Dear Old Pal of Mine," John McCormack.

"Ma Curly Headed Baby" and "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," Hilda Lashanska, Soprano.

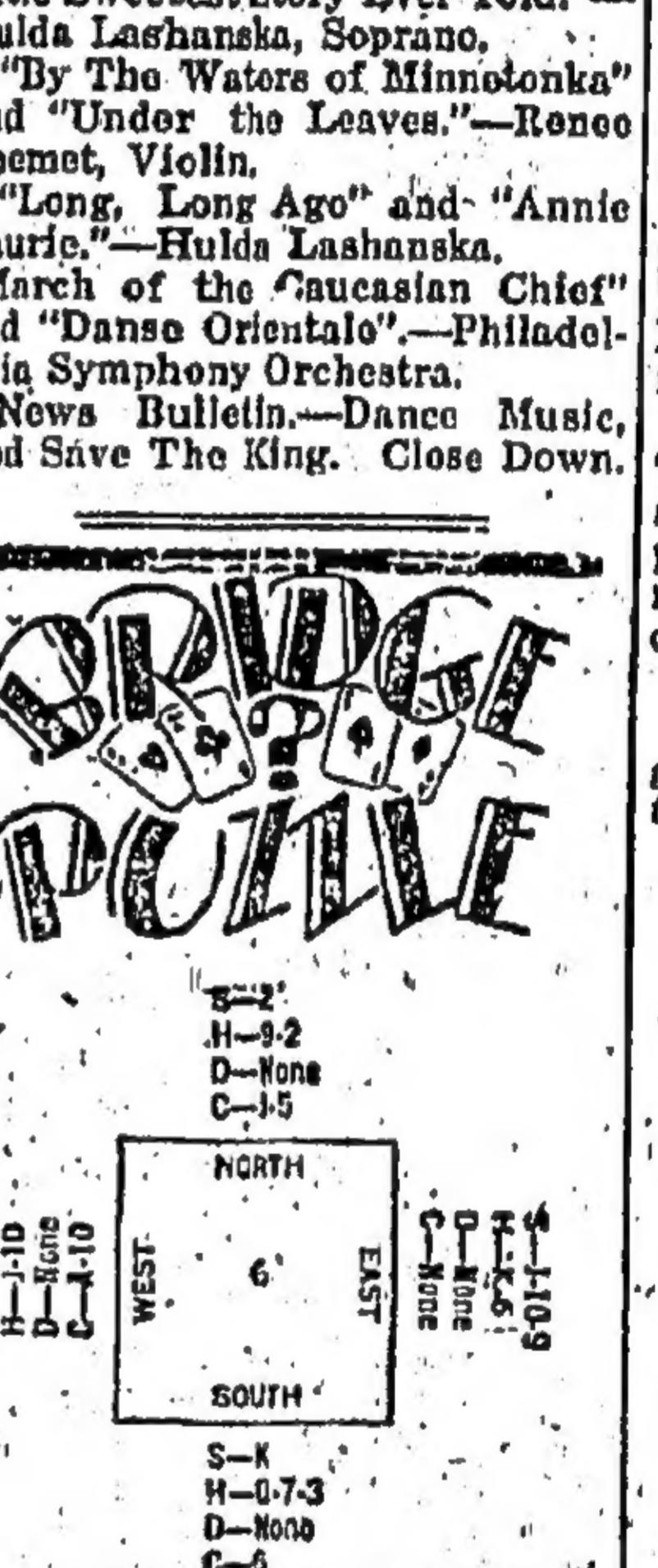
"By The Waters of Minneconjou" and "Under the Leaves," Renée Chemet, Violin.

"Long, Long Ago" and "Annie Laurie," Hilda Lashanska.

"March of the Caucasian Chief" and "Danse Orientale," Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Newspaper Bulletin—Dance Music, God Save The King, Close Down.

BRIDGE PUZZLE



The Very Idea!

Speaking at a dinner of the Royal Society in London, the new Archbishop of Canterbury said when the King's nomination of him to the Primacy was announced, the first four telegrams he opened were from the Viceroy of India, the Lord Mayor of London, an ex-president of the Royal Society and "my estimable tailor." The last named wrote: "Hearty congratulations—awaiting further orders."

The prettiest women in the world seem to be in London.—Sir William Orpen.

In these days it is customary for the composer to outline his songs.—Mr. Newman Flower.

It would be a good thing if we could stop the appearance of another book on gardening for twenty years.—Mr. W. G. Berwick Sayers.

I am afraid the clergyman's God is too often the Head of the clerical profession.—Dean Ing.

The effects of tea are generally beneficial, conducive to contentment, clear thinking, and sobriety.—Sir James Crichton-Brown.

If a Carnegie or a Leverhulme begot a family of sons who inherited their father's ability, all the wealth of the world might soon be in very few hands.—Mr. J. D. Beresford.

"Now, boys," asked the schoolmaster, "what do you know about Hamlet's uncle?"

"Please, sir, he was better than any one else at shooting birds," replied one of the boys.

"Indeed! What makes you think that?" asked the teacher.

"Well, sir, I read in a book that he did murder most foul!"

Judge Thompson, K.C., at Bow County Court—I have glanced at the pleadings in this accident case, and it looks like the lamb running into the wolf and the lamb biting. Solicitor at Willesden—Why did you not turn your car? Witness—There was no room. Solicitor—But it was only a baby car, and you might have lifted it round.

A man of sixty-four accused at Tower Bridge, London, of stealing a bottle of milk from a door-step pleaded that he was an orphan, his mother and father having recently died.

[I don't think this is a cheerful generation.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.]

The present generation has done its very best, though jaded off and weary, still to be bright and cheery. With song and dance and fest, with broadcast humour and with jazz. It has indeed, it has.

In spite of competition, that gives our traders beans; in spite of prices sagging, and D.O.R.A.'s ceaseless nagging.

In spite of gloomy dooms, this generation in its way has struggled to be gay.

But all in vain, its strivings, its efforts are pan bon, with well-contrived elation, to earn the approbation of Mr. Chesterton.

Although its style is not too bad, he finds it rather sad.

Yea, we, the Would-be jollies, still lack the good old cheer, the free and careless laughter, that rang in roof and rafter. The old October beer, small wonder that our gaiety seems forced to G.K.C.

It is sometimes unlucky to avoid passing under a ladder.

When the old lady found herself unexpectedly in the shadow of the painter's ladder which extended right across the narrow pavement, she stepped quickly into the road without a precautionary look backward.

To avoid running her down, a car driver swerved, skidded, and collided with an approaching bus. The bus driver did his best by mounting the pavement, but it was too late. There was a nasty grinding noise, a little broken glass, and a lot of shouting and screaming.

In the meantime, the painter, in his alarm, dropped his paint pot at the old lady's feet—with unhappy results.

Nobody was hurt, but quite a number of people must have reckoned it their unlucky day.

Mr. W. Bremis, of Southend, captain of the London 4,900-ton motor-ship *Lemogogu*, has died at sea off Newfoundland.

Believed to have fallen into the Medway during a fog on November 6, the body of Henry Hayes, 60, of Little Preston, Aylesford, has been found in the river at Rochester.

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POLICE KIDDIES' SPORTS.**HAPPY GATHERING AT THE VALLEY.****PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.**

New Year's Day was celebrated by members of the Hongkong Police Force and their families by the holding of the annual reunion at the Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley yesterday. A programme of sports for the children was successfully carried out, this being combined with the Christmas Tree, a cocoanut shy, and donkey-rides.

The front of the Clubhouse was decorated with flags kindly loaned by Mr. Richard Lee, of Lee Gardens, and by a string of electric bulbs. These present included the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. W. le B. Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kent, and Mr. Bellingham. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

Inspector's Speech.

Before the distribution of prizes by Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, M. B. E., Sub-Inspector James thanked Mrs. Wolfe for consenting to give away the prizes, which were won both that afternoon and in bowls during the year. A hearty welcome was then extended to the many members and friends of the Police Force. The speaker said that they did all they could for the children, and if any did not come to the sports and therefore missed the fun, they had their own parents to blame. The organisers had broadcast the function in every possible way—by telephone and even radio—asking every parent to give the names of all their children for presents from Father Christmas.

For some reason which he could not understand, some parents were reluctant to disclose how many children they had. Personally, if he had a thousand children he would send all their names in—(Laughter).

In conclusion, Mr. James said that some people were fond of referring to the so-called lack of activity in the Police Force. His reply to such people was to point out to them that during the past two years the Force had increased in strength by 30 children. That was what he called great activity—(Laughter).

After the distribution of prizes, Mrs. Wolfe was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers, tied with the Police colours, by little Miss Jean Dredger, and on the call of the Clown (Mr. W. Ward) who led the cheering as each prize winner came up for their awards, three rousing cheers and a lusty "Tiger" were given to Mrs. Wolfe by the many children present.

The C.S.P.'s Reply.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, expressed thanks to the organisers of the function, and said that as far as he could remember, the children had never had a more delightful afternoon than that one.

In connection with the sports and Christmas Tree party, Mr. Wolfe said he must mention the names of the organisers—Messrs. James, Taylor and Thorpe—and their assistants (Messrs. Alexander and Baker), to whom the thanks of one and all were due. They had all put in a lot of hard work to make the function the unqualified success that it had been.

A special vote of thanks, Mr. Wolfe said, was due to their old friend, the Clown (Mr. W. Ward) who had come every year to entertain them. He did not know what they would do if ever Mr. Ward said "I am fed up" and kept away. With Mr. Ward there, the mothers could safely let their children romp about secure in the knowledge that the Clown would look after them and see that they came to no harm.—(Cheers). Charlie Chapplin (Mr. "Fuddy" Congdon) had also helped to amuse the kiddies, and he (Mr. Wolfe) thanked him also.

Mr. Wolfe then led the gathering in singing "For they are jolly good fellows" in honour of the organisers and their assistants and then called for three cheers and a "tiger." It met with a hearty response from the adults as well as the children.

The Results.

The sports results were as follow: 20 yards race (girls under 8 years)—1, Elsie Hunt; 2, Eileen Barnett; 3, Paula Hollands; 4, Beryl Carey.

25 yards race (boys under 8 years)—1, Walter Evans; 2, B. Hollands; 3, Ross Orr.

50 yards race (boys under 12 years)—1, Charlie Evans; 2, Neville Booker; 3, Henry Phillips.

50 yards race (girls under 12 years)—1, Helen Grimmett; 2, Mavis Glendinning; 3, Dorothy Moss.

50 yards Children's Skipping race—1, Mavis Glendinning; 2, Ellen Grimmett; 3, Dorothy Moss.

50 yards Ladies' Egg and Spoon race—1, Miss D. Hunt; 2, Miss P. Hunt.

50 yards Children's Potato Race—1, B. Hollands; 2, Walter Bookner; 3, Walter Evans.

100 yards dash (men over 35)—1, Mr. West; 2, Mr. King.

ANOTHER CANTON BLAZE.**THIRTEEN SHOPS & HOUSES DESTROYED.****ON NEW YEAR MORN.**

A big fire, which wiped out 13 houses and shops, broke out in the heart of Canton city, in the Kwai Tack Mun Bridge district, at 2 o'clock on the morning of the New Year's Day.

It is said that the fire originated at a public eating-house, being caused by stray sparks, which set fire to a quantity of firewood in the kitchen. Owing to the high wind, the fire spread with great rapidity and when the alarm was given there was considerable panic among people in nearby shops and houses.

Despite the strenuous efforts of the Fire Brigade, the fire raged for over two hours. A piece-goods dealer's shop, a drug medicine store, a number of eating-houses, a rice shop, a cotton shop and a paper shop were completely gutted, it is not known whether there was any casualty.

Whilst the blaze was at its height the police splendidly preserved order in the district and many residents were able to save some of their belongings and goods. It appears that on New Year's Eve the Police Headquarters ordered additional forces of armed officers and detectives to patrol the city, co-operating with the Gendarmerie, who were also out in force. This special vigilance was adopted as a precaution against possible disturbances by Communists.

When the fire alarm was sounded, police and Gendarmes arrived promptly and all the approaches to the district were guarded, thus preventing any disturbances.

It is said that the *folk* of the eating-house have been detained by the police pending an enquiry into the cause of the fire.

OPENING OF CHINESE SEAMEN'S UNION.**BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH EMPLOYERS.**

The necessity for better understanding and closer co-operation between Chinese seamen and ship-owners, and between Labour and Capital formed the keynote of a number of speeches delivered at the Chinese Seamen's Associated Union yesterday on the occasion of the holding of the Union's flag.

The ceremony took place at noon and there were several hundred friends and members of the Union, present. The building was splendidly decorated for the occasion.

The ceremony was performed by Li Yek-mui, assisted by Mr. Yip Lam-chuen and Mr. Leung Yuen-wo, Chairman of the Union.

The Chairman, in a speech of welcome, emphasised the need for the elevation of the general knowledge of the Chinese seamen and the improvement of present conditions provided that the employees did not lose sight of the interests of their employers, the ship-owners.

General Li Tsung-jen, Marshal Feng Yu-hsing and General Yen Hsia-shan and others attended.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday morning.—Reuter.

According to Chinese information, Marshal Li Chai-sum is proceeding from Canton to attend this Conference.

He is due here to-day, coming down by special train from Canton, and is due to embark this afternoon on board the M.M. liner D'Ar-

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AFGHANISTAN WAR AT AN END.**SITUATION COMPELLED BY SEVERE WINTER.****KING REWARDS ARMY.**

London, Jan. 1. It is learned that messages are now arriving in London with fair regularity from the British Legation at Kabul, but they hardly refer to the situation in Afghanistan, but mainly relate to plans for the evacuation of foreign nationals, which the British Government has undertaken.

The complete evacuation is not yet complete, though efforts have met with great success.

It is surmised that all serious fighting between the Government troops and the rebels has been suspended owing to the severity of the winter conditions.

A message from Peshawar states that King Amanullah has rewarded his troops at Kabul two months' extra pay for their repulse of the rebels, and the King has also increased the pay of his bodyguard from fourteen to twenty rupees per month. It also appears that villages have been liberally compensated for losses due to the rebel raids.

Another rebel concentration is improbable before the spring, owing to the severe cold in Kabul. The Afghan Legation in London to-day stated that all fighting has ceased and that peace negotiations are now proceeding. It is hoped that the country will soon return to normal.

The Legation denies recent reports that a section of the Army has revolted, and expresses the opinion that the foreign women and children who have been evacuated by the British R.A.F. machines, will probably be able to return to Kabul shortly.—Reuter.

CHINA DISBANDMENT CONFERENCE.**BIG GATHERING OPENS AT NANKING.**

Nanking, Jan. 1. The Disbandment Conference opened this morning.

Mr. Wu Tze-hu, representing the Nationalist Party, stated that the Chinese had always opposed the use of force, but the Nationalist Army had had to fight corrupt militarists in the past. Since complete disarmament had not been effected by the world, China must maintain an adequate defence force.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, representing the Disbandment Committee members, declared that the military leaders would carry out the decisions of the Conference. He hoped to organise a first-class Army, Navy and Air Force within 15 years.

General Li Tsung-jen, Marshal Feng Yu-hsing and General Yen Hsia-shan and others attended.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday morning.—Reuter.

According to Chinese information, Marshal Li Chai-sum is proceeding from Canton to attend this Conference.

He is due here to-day, coming down by special train from Canton, and is due to embark this afternoon on board the M.M. liner D'Ar-

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NEW YEAR SPORTS AT KOWLOON.**CHILDREN SPEND A HAPPY AFTERNOON.****FULL PRIZE LIST.**

London, Jan. 1. The annual New Year's Day children's sports under the auspices of the Kowloon Cricket Club were held on the Cricket Club ground yesterday when a large number of children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After an afternoon of good sport, during which the band of the 3rd Battalion, 10th Punjab Regiment, played selections, the successful competitors received their prizes from the hands of Mrs. W. T. Southern.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, Mr. R. E. Lindell, the President of the Club, thanked all present for attending, especially those who were not directly connected with the K.C.C. The speaker reminded his hearers that the gathering was not a mere Club event, but the idea was to attract all the children of the Colony, from the Peak to Fanling, and make them look forward to New Year's Day as their own party day at the K.C.C.

Mr. Lindell expressed thanks to those who had helped, and mentioned the name of Mr. C. H. Atkins, whose efforts as Hon. Secretary had been untiring, and Mr. Jenner. The speaker also thanked those generous contributors to the sports fund which was now again self-supporting.

Mr. Lindell concluded by expressing their gratitude and delight at having Mrs. Southern with them. He congratulated those boys and girls who had won races. To those who had not won, the speaker asked them to attend again next year and bring their friends, when they might, have better luck.

Mrs. Southern then handed prizes to the following:

Girls' Events.

Skipping Race, handicap, ages 14 and under—1, Mary Lay; 2, Joan Holland; 3, Violet Bradbury. Flat Race, Handicap, ages 6 to 9—1, Doris Frith; 2, Dorothy Eustace; 3, Marjorie Gow. Skipping Competition, ages under 10 years—1, Flora Eldridge; 2, Marjorie Gow; 3, Pat

Flat Race, handicap, ages under 6 years—1, Dorothy McCaw; 2, Joan Broadbrey; 3, Betty Marshall. Potato Race, ages 10 to 14—1, Dorothy Raven; 2, Peggy Everett; 3, Edith Withers.

Skipping Competition, ages 10 to 14—1, Betty Pestonji and Jean Bryson (tie); 3, Ethel Bunker.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 14 and under—1, Violet Bradbury; 2, Dorothy Eustace; 3, Kathleen Glover.

Musical Chairs, ages 8 to 14—1, Constance Crapnell; 2, Vera Crapnell; 3, Clissie Roylance.

Egg and Spoon Race, scratch, ages 14 and under—1, Dorothy Raven; 2, Iris Frith; 3, Janet Broadbridge.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 6 to 14—1, Winifred Raven; 2, Pamela Glencross; 3, Mary Smith.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 4 and under—1, Margaret Logan; 2, Beryl Goldenberg; 3, Petty Marshall.

Relay Race, teams of four, scratch, ages 9 to 14—The winning team comprised Peggy Everett and Dorothy Raven.

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BRITISH TRADE ENTERPRISE**TO INTEREST OVERSEAS IN INDUSTRIAL FAIR.****ADVANCE CATALOGUE.**

London, Dec. 31. A special advance overseas edition of the catalogue of the London section of the British Industries Fair, which will be held in 1929, is now being issued to 10,000 business men in Europe, North America, South Africa and the eastern coast of South America, including all those buyers who have notified the British Department of Overseas Trade of their intention to attend the Fair.

By this publishing firm, which has only been made possible owing to the keenness of British manufacturers to participate in the Fair, trade buyers in cities as far apart as Constantinople, Capetown and Vancouver will be able to receive a copy of the Fair catalogue before commencing their voyage to England.

The catalogue, apart from containing descriptive entries of the exhibits of more than 1,200 British manufacturers, embodies a complete classification of all those exhibits by trades and indexes in nine languages, enabling foreign buyers easily to trace the goods in which they are particularly interested.

Enclosed with this catalogue of pages is an advance list of some 700 firms exhibiting at the Birmingham section of the Fair, which takes place concurrently with the London section from February 18th to March 1st.—British Wireless.

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Flat Race, handicap, ages 4 and under—1, Margaret Logan; 2, Beryl Goldenberg; 3, Petty Marshall.

Relay Race, teams of four—The winning team was Fred Winyard, Jackie Mackay, James Winyard, Geoffroy Arnold.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 6 to 9—1, Jeffrey Otten; 2, Dick Branch; 3, Frank Smith.

Sack Race, handicap, ages 8 to 14—1, Alan Macfarlane; 2, Frank Smith; 3, Gerald Abraham.

Tug-of-War teams of eight. The winning team was Claud Braco, Allister Holland, Ronald Holden, Eric Humphrey, Felix Dunnett, Jack Mackay, Fred Winyard, and Bill Gibson-Craig.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 4 to 7—1, Jeffrey Otten; 2, Eric Stone; 3, Jack Stokes.

Three-Legged race, handicap, ages 10 to 14—1, George Lee and Jack McAinsh; 2, Felix Dunnett and Ronald Holden; 3, Tony Sands and Joseph Pereira.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 8 to 10—1, Kenneth Carroll; 2, Dick Branch; 3, James Huise.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 4 and under—1, Jimmy Otten; 2, Francis Rogers; 3, Ian Dobbie.

Wheelbarrow Race, scratch, ages 9 to 14—1, Tony Sands and Freddy Winyard; 2, Ronald Eagen and Edward Frith; 3, John Chubb and Jack Mackay.

Consolation Race, handicap, ages up to 14—1, Desmond Roylance; 2, George Roylance; 3, Fred Goodwin.

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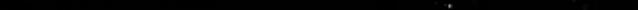
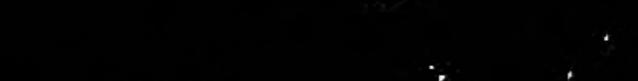
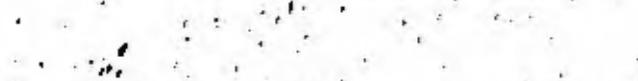
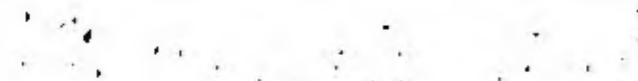
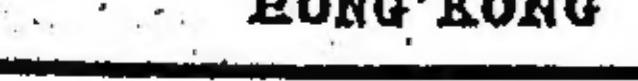
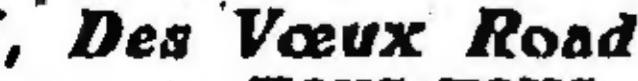
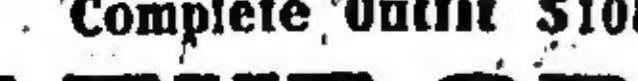
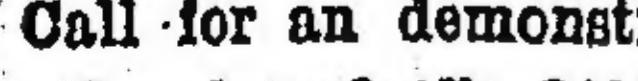
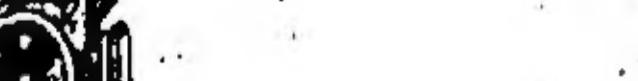
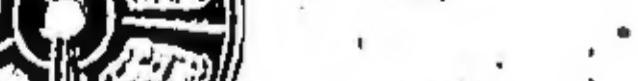
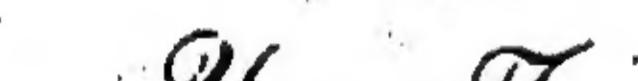
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THE NEW MANCHURIA.**JAPAN'S "EMBARRASSING POSITION."**

London, Dec. 31.

The Manchester *Guardian*, commenting on the developments in Manchuria, does not think actual authority of the Nanking Government there is likely for many years to exceed that of a vaguely recognized suzerain power. Nevertheless Chang Hsueh-lung's formal hoisting of the Nationalist colours has shown unheard of independence from Japan.

The Japanese Government at the moment is not making a great success of its Chinese policy, and has several questions open. It is the only important Power which has failed to make a new commercial agreement with China. The growing sense of nationalism in China will make it increasingly difficult to recognize Japan's claim to special interests in Manchuria, at least insofar as they give the right to intervene in domestic affairs in Manchuria, yet those special interests unquestionably exist. Only if the Chinese authorities are wise enough to promise to protect those interests, and are strong enough to guard them, can an embarrassed situation become harmless.—*Reuter*.

EIGHT CHARGES.**RETURNED BANISHEE SENTENCED.**

Seven charges of larceny of articles of clothing and one of returning from banishment were preferred against a Chinese before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday.

His Worship intimated that he would take the defendant's pleas on the first and last charges.

The defendant admitted both, the other counts being dropped. It was stated that the various complainants had missed their clothing on Sunday morning and decided among themselves that they would visit the pawnshops. In one place the defendant was seen trying to pledge some of the stolen goods and was arrested by a constable who was informed of the thefts by the watchers.

On production of the defendant's criminal record it was seen that he had been previously convicted of receiving stolen property and twice of larceny, having been banished for ten years in July, 1928.

On the charge of larceny the defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, sentence of three months and 15 strokes of the birch being imposed on the count of returning from banishment, the terms to run concurrently. If unfit for birching the defendant would undergo a further nine months' hard labour.

FOUR YEARS' BAN ON MOTORIST.**£50 FINE FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING.**

Aubrey Leveson Dudley Ryder, aged 37, described as independent, of Wargrave, Berkshire, was fined £50, with £10 costs, and suspended from driving for four years, by the Marlborough-street Magistrate after pleading guilty to driving a motor-car dangerously.

It was stated that he came into collision with a taxi-cab outside the London Pavilion.

Mr. H. Muskett (for the police) said that at Westminster in May, 1925, Ryder was convicted of dangerous driving and fined £20, with £8 costs, and his licence was suspended for three years.

Mr. Laurence Vine, defending, said that in 1925 Ryder was blown up, gassed, and buried alive in France. He became a prisoner of war and attempted to escape on ten occasions. He was treated with great severity and confined in cells when recaptured.

Officers, in order to be eligible for appointments, are to be of the rank of Surgeon-Captain or above.

A charge of drunkenness and another of failing to stop after an accident were withdrawn.

NAVAL PHYSICIANS TO THE KING.**NEW REGULATIONS.**

The Admiralty notify the following revised regulations governing the appointment of honorary physicians and honorary surgeons to the King, which have been approved by his Majesty:

Medical officers appointed as such, in future, are to relinquish their honorary appointments on retirement from the Service. Officers on the retired list at present holding the appointments are to continue to hold them.

The officer holding the position of Medical Director-General of the Navy is to receive, ex officio, an appointment as Honorary Physician or Honorary Surgeon to the King.

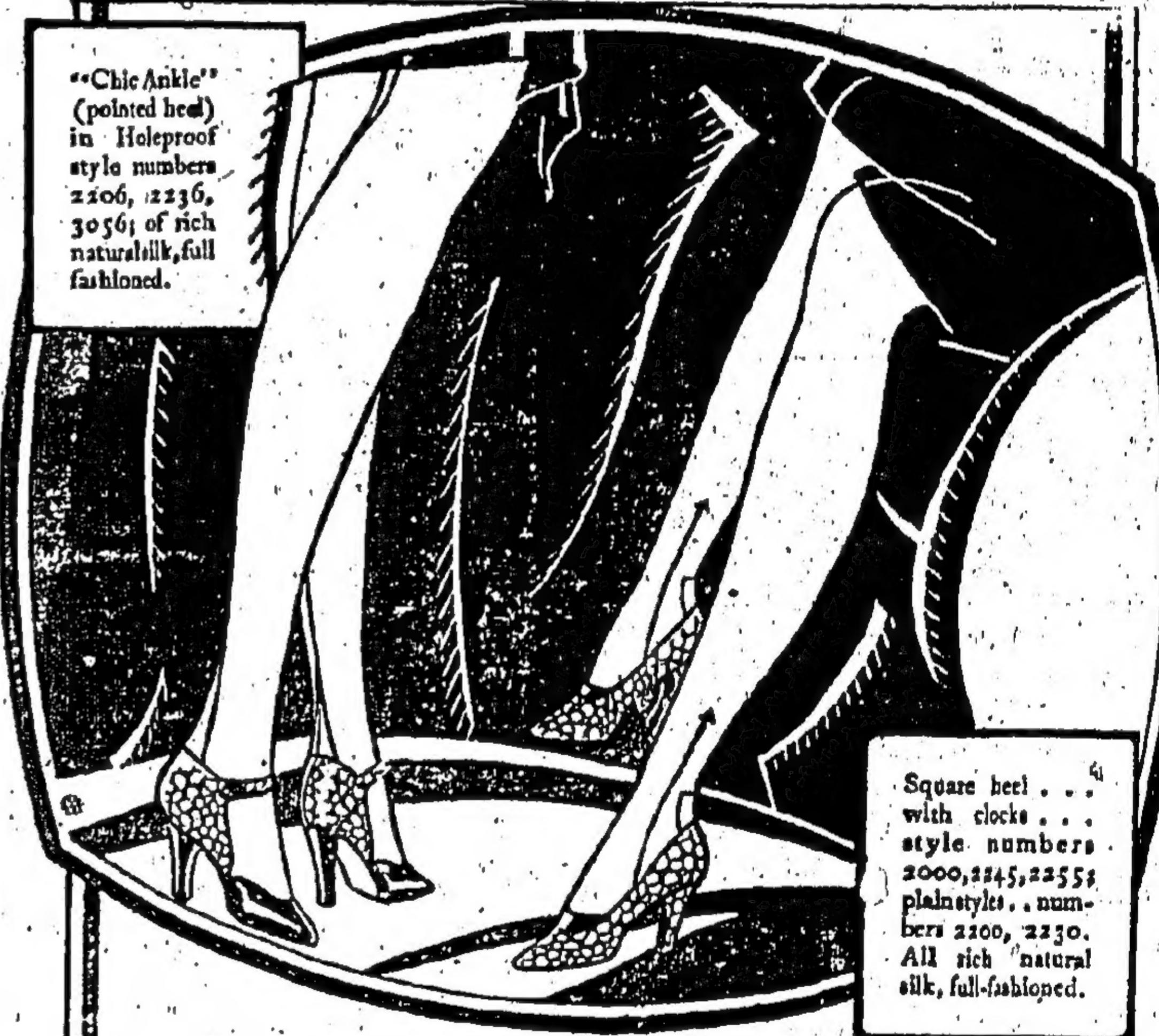
The total number of Honorary Physicians or Honorary Surgeons to the King is to remain at eight, excluding extra or supernumerary appointments, but the number of these appointments to be varied at discretion within the total instead of four of each being allowed hitherto.

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THE BANK'S POLICY CRITICISED.

CREDIT RESTRICTION AND BAD TRADE.

HOME CONSUMPTION.

London, Dec. 5. An attack on the Bank of England and its policy is the chief feature of the quarterly trade survey of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association.

In it the Bank is held "directly responsible" for the state of depression which has ruled in this country since March.

"If the credit and financial position had been at all adequate to the needs of the present time" state the Association, "and if industry had received from the banking interests the full support it required for the first movement of expansion, there is no doubt that 1928 would have been one of the most prosperous years since the conclusion of the war."

An analysis of the industrial situation leads the compilers to the conclusion that the trade depression, which at one time was confined to what are regarded as export industries, has spread to other industries which depend on home consumption.

"For the first time, therefore, since 1921," it is maintained, "the crisis is entirely of home consumption, and it has little or no relation to the international trade position."

Purchasing Power Lower.

The conclusion arrived at is that we are confronted with a real decline in the purchasing power of the public generally, and only one explanation can be offered for such a narrowing down of the home demand—the credit policy of the Bank of England since the spring of this year. The home market is declared to have been "virtually ruined" for the manufacturers through the unbroken regime of credit restriction which has persisted during nine years, and the lasting depression is attributed to the policy initiated by the Bank of England in the autumn of 1920, and carried out with the support of the Government in power without interruption until now.

After reviewing all the factors, the Association find it difficult to resist the impression that the upward movement in trade, which began in the first quarter of this year, and might have been expected to continue throughout the year, "if it had not been interrupted," may be deferred until next year.

"Excessive caution on the part of the Bank of England," the survey adds, "has brought this country down to a state where industrialists are losing hope of ever being able to improve their conditions of production, and of earning satisfactory margins of profit."

Loans and No Orders.

It is stated that the Bank of England has made its policy depend on movements in the United States, and made sterling subordinate to the dollar. "The Federal Reserve Bank," it is asserted, "now decides the course of credit and currency in this country." If we are to have a managed currency, the suggestion in the report is that it should be managed with a view to improving

industrial conditions in this country.

How we are financing our foreign competitors is the subject of a section of the report.

Loans to German municipalities for extending public utilities, it is stated, have not produced a single order for British industry, but the capital supplied by Britain has been used to supply German competing firms with important contracts, which have raised their competitive position and allowed them to undercut British firms both at home and in the Dominions.

During the present year the British industry's exports, the report shows, have declined by 1 per cent, while the world market has risen by more than 14 per cent, a real loss in the British position of 16 per cent. Germany has increased her shipment 24 per cent, the United States 15 per cent, Switzerland 50 per cent, and France 18 per cent.

"We have reached the stage now when as in the United States, records the report, "we must organise for prosperity at home and not for the realisation of maximum security on an international financial basis."

Objection is taken in the report to the financing of the world at the expense of British industry.

Reference is also made in the report to what are described as the baneful effects on British industry of allowing German reparations to be paid in kind.

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The people of Richmond have become anxious for the safety of one of the most beautiful spots in England, the avenue on Richmond Hill.

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This lopping of branches comes from the old age and decay of the trees themselves. "We have found that the trees are in a very dangerous condition," the Richmond Parks Superintendent told a Press representative.

"In some cases I am afraid it will be necessary to cut down and replant, but we can do nothing without the sanction of the Corporation. Several members of the Corporation have been surprised to find how far the decay has gone."

The Town Clerk of Richmond gave an assurance that the Corporation are jealously guarding the beauty of the Hill from needless alteration. "We must consider the danger to pedestrians from rotten branches," he added.

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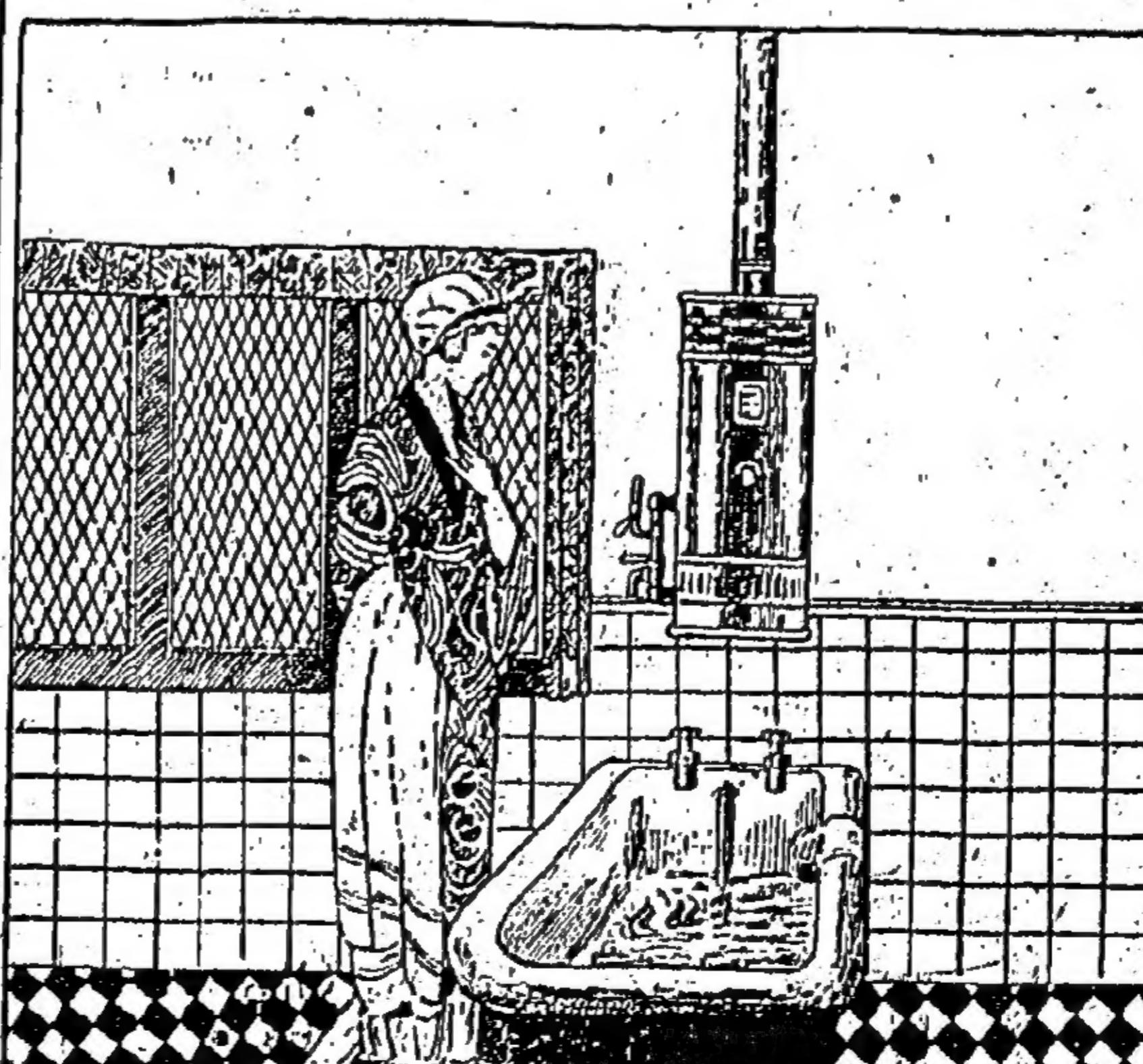
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Mr. O'Brien was associated with one of the most successful ventures which has ever visited the Far East, the Matheson Lang Company, and therefore is no stranger to audiences in China. He has had very extensive experience in principal parts having been "leading man" in most of the Repertory Companies in Great Britain, and in all the Repertory Theatres; notably the first production of "Back to Methuselah." G. B. Shaw's great play which took five nights to perform. He was especially engaged by Sir Barry Jackson to play Genesis, in the only English production so far of "The Comedian," by Henri Gheon. During the last few years Mr. O'Brien has been playing and producing in London, and finally, this spring he went into management on his own account and took Strindberg's play "The Father" into the provinces, after its very successful production in London.

In this present Company Mr. O'Brien will play—John Tanner in "Man and Superman," Higgins in "Mrs. Warren's Profession," etc.

Mr. Stanley Drewitt has produced a wide variety of plays and played leading parts in some seventeen of the West End Theatres in London, principally at the Haymarket and the St. James's, and has produced numerous plays and acted leading parts under the management of Mr. David Belasco and the late Mr. Charles Frohman in America. Mr. Drewitt directed the Gaiety Theatre, Manchester, for the first three and a half years of that notable enterprise. He is Director of the plays for Charles Macdona, and will play Colonel Pickering in "Pygmalion," Roebuck, Ramsden in "Man and Superman," and the Rev. Samuel Gardner in "Mrs. Warren's Profession."

Miss Joan Hopegood, who had the distinction of being the first English speaking actress to play the great part of Mrs. Warren in that much discussed play "Mrs. Warren's Profession" after it had been definitely licensed is now to repeat that performance in the Far East, and has played the leading parts in most of the plays of Bernard Shaw in South Africa and in England. Miss Hopegood will be seen as Eliza Doolittle in "Pygmalion" and Mrs. Warren in "Mrs. Warren's Profession."

Arnold Walsh has not long returned from a tour of the West Indies and South Africa, before which he was at the Strand and Lyceum Theatre. He will play such parts as Octavius Robin in "Man and Superman" and Frank in "Mrs. Warren's Profession."

Miss Muriel Hutchinson was with Oscar Asche and Lily Brayton for over five years during which time they toured Australia, later she joined Charles Doran who was forming a Shakespearean company in which she stayed for some years. During that time she played most of the Shakespearean leads. Miss Hutchinson plays Mrs. Petache in "Pygmalion," Miss Ramsden in "Man and Superman," etc.

Miss Ivy Walen will play Clare Eynsford-Hill in "Pygmalion." Miss Walen was with the Dunstan Shakespearean Repertory Company.

Miss Daphne Carr's last appearance in London was at the Fortune Theatre this year in "Mischievous." She was before this leading lady at the Manchester Repertory Theatre. In this present Company Miss Carr will play Mrs. Eynsford-Hill in "Pygmalion," Ann Whitefield in "Man and Superman."

France, Holland and of course in every corner of Great Britain and Ireland.

Miss Joan Blair, who will be playing such parts as Mrs. Higgins in "Pygmalion" and Mrs. Whitefield in "Man and Superman," has visited Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United States, South Africa, and all over Great Britain and Ireland. She has appeared in London in Companies headed by the late E. S. Willard and by Cyril Maude and Miss Marie Tempest.

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"THE BIRTH OF A FLOWER."

WONDERFUL FILM TO BE SHOWN HERE.

"Wild flowers are like people" reveals Clarke Irvine, writer and traveller who will present a fascinating cinema picture "The Birth of a Flower," at the Helena May Institute on Monday, 7th inst. at 5 p.m.

"They have their births, loves, deaths, moments of triumph, and inevitable tragedies, and to watch a Mariposa tulip or an Evening Primrose struggle into being, live its life and pass on, is as poignant and beautiful a spectacle as anything ever produced by the greatest dramatists," is how one press reviewer aptly described this amazing film, which will be shown with "The Romance of Travel," which Mr. Irvine has made while on his Pan-Pacific tour.

The marvellous camera, invented by A. C. Pillsbury, has caught the blossoms flirting, dancing, exclaiming, shaking their heads, nodding, stretching, jostling one another and performing amazing acrobatics that man has never witnessed before. They even die! They can be injured, drugged, stimulated and from all indications, their cell life is similar to that of animals and man.

"The Birth of a Flower," is the scene of cultural attainment in the cinema art, and shows the potentiality of the films in revealing the innermost secrets of the universe. In this one it is shown that flowers have more regular habitation than most humans! they open at stated hours, live a certain time, and fall asleep similarly.

This picture has been witnessed by some of the greatest scientists, but their delight has not been greater than that felt by the untrained man, woman or child who loves the great outdoors and doesn't know the name of a single plant. The backgrounds are gorgeous mountains and sublime scenery, with an added feature "The Romance of Travel," showing all manner of quaint and curious subjects which the visitor has made in his travels, including lots of comedy. He is accompanied by Mrs. Irvine.

PERIOD OF ANXIETY.

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for, and may be taken as indicating that the check in the progress experienced on Sunday has been successfully overcome. The slight improvement may in some measure be attributable to the new calcium treatment and the fact that the doctors are able to report beneficial results of the treatment is a very hopeful sign.

It would seem to indicate that if the calcium treatment there has been found a method of attack against His Majesty's extreme weakness.

Eleven doctors altogether have now, at one time or other, participated in consultations at the Palace.

Queen's Graffiti.

Her Majesty the Queen, in a letter to the Lord Mayor of London acknowledging the usual New Year's Message to the King, says:

"It comes to me at a time of great anxiety. The King's illness must take a long and arduous course, but, please God, I may look forward to a lifting of the clouds, and to happy realisation of the nation's faith and hope."

The love and affection extended to me and my children throughout these dark days, has indeed been the support of me and those near and dear to me.

"When health and strength shall be, as we hope, vouchsafed again to the King, it will be a source of happiness to him to know that in his suffering, he was ever in the thoughts of the citizens of London."—Reuter.

HAPPY FUNCTION AT KOWLOON F.C.

FANCY DRESS CHARITY MATCH.

The Kowloon Football Club's fancy dress charity football match yesterday was unquestionably one of the biggest successes in this type of entertainment seen in Hongkong for many a day.

The players made a really special effort for the occasion and some of the costumes were wonderfully ingenious. The field contained a medley of convicts, warders, rickshaws, coolies, flappers, old ladies, and young babies, while Mephistopheles and such-like costumes took the eye.

Mr. H. G. K. Wheeler, as the fat baby was a huge success, and his bottle of beer, with comforter, was the piece de resistance.

The match, the result of which is unknown, was played for the benefit of the M.C.L., and it is likely that that institution will receive a contribution of over \$500.

The raffle which took place after the match, and in which Sir Cumference de Tong (Mr. C. Bond) and Lady de Tong (Mr. F. C. Cleme) were the principal figures, gave added interest. The unclaimed prizes were:

1st prize: Ticket No. 12

2nd prize: Ticket No. 100.

3rd prize: Ticket No. 66.

5th prize: Ticket No. 10.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Kowloon, Tong, were introduced to the large attendance by Mr. G. A. Walker, the President of the Club, who made an exceedingly witty speech.

IRELAND NARROWLY BEAT FRANCE.

RUGGER INTERNATIONAL RESULT.

Paris, Dec. 31.

An enormous crowd, estimated at over 50,000, witnessed the international rugger match between France and Ireland to-day.

Although the weather was beautifully fine, the going was heavy, and the Irish players found conditions much to their like. The struggle was the keenest, Ireland eventually winning out-winners by six points to nil.—Reuter.

NANKING MILITARY REVIEW.

CHIANG INSPECTS MODEL DIVISION.

Nanking, Jan. 1.

A large military review was held on the aviation field this morning, when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek inspected the troops on horseback.

More than 7,000 picked soldiers, mostly of the Model Division, marched past the Commander-in-Chief.

The German representative, Dr. Wagner, Rear Admiral Broecke Hoecksta, and Captain Daluisson, of the Dutch cruiser "Java," were among those present.—Reuter.

VIENNESE PORCELAIN ON SALE.

THE KARL MAYER COLLECTION.

Vienna, Nov. 21.

This is the season of big auctions in the city. One by one most of Austria's magnificent private collections come under the hammer, and many valuable objects go abroad. At a three day auction, which finished to-day, 530 pieces of china from the famous Karl Mayer collection have been sold, many of them having been acquired at high prices by the Museum of the City of Vienna, the Austrian Museum of Art and Industry, the Berlin Castle, and the Dresden State Museums.

Those fine old objects of art were produced by the Vienna Porcelain Factory which was founded by Du Paquier as far back as 1718. In 1747 it became the property of the Austrian Court, at a time when other European Courts were rivaling each other in the production of china, and when, after Boettcher's discoveries, the porcelain factory at Meissen had reached the zenith of its fame. The Vienna establishment developed fast, being influenced to a certain extent by Meissen and Sevres, and it became famous about the end of the eighteenth century, under the management of Anton Grassi, the Maude and Miss Marie Tempest.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY AT K.B.G.C.

KOWLOON WINAITKENHEAD TROPHY.

HIS EXCELLENCY PLAYS.

In the first contest for the Aitkenhead Trophy, Kowloon bowlers defeated Hongkong by 130 shots to 117 on the Bowling Green Club links yesterday afternoon.

A notable feature of the match was that H. E. the Officer Administering the Government was included as a member of the Hongkong team.

After the match, Mr. B. Wyllie said he was sure they would all agree they had had a very happy day. That day was, perhaps, another landmark in the history of local lawn bowls as they had played for the trophy for the first time. They would also agree that it was a very appropriate name (laughter).

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There was a poor attendance at the P.W.D. Office on Monday when crown property situated at Mongkoktsui was put up for auction.

The lot was valued at a high price, being on the junction of main thoroughfares. It was Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2162, at the junction of Portland Street and Laichuk Road, having an area of 4,716 square feet at an annual Crown Rent of \$64 and held for a period of 75 years from the day of sale.

The upset price was \$11,700 with bids of \$100 acceptable, conditions of sale including the expenditure of \$15,000 in rateable improvements within 24 months and the handing over to the Government of certain portions of the lots, abutting on thoroughfares, within 12 months. Scavenging lanes to be turned over to the Government free of cost and all domestic buildings erected on the site to be of European type.

The sale opened at the upset price of \$11,700 and was once raised at the minimum, another offer received putting the figure to \$12,000. Thereafter three bids of \$100 were received, and the lot was knocked down to Messrs. Chung Yuk-hing and Kong Wong of Mau Lam Street for \$12,300.

A RECORD RUN.**VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA IN SEVENTEEN DAYS.**

The Australian-Oriental Line steamer Changtai left Hongkong at noon on December 14, and having called at Manila, Thursday Islands, Cebu, Townsville and Brisbane, arrived at Sydney on the morning of 31st December.

This fast passage of 17 days establishes, we understand, a record on the Hongkong-Sydney run.

LETTER GOLF.

Sometimes a STAR can't be seen for the DUST. The change in Letter Golf is six strokes.

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2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.**TWO CHINESE FINED FOR POSSESSION.**

Two rather heavy fines were imposed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday on Chinese who were charged under the Opium Ordinance. In one case the offender was alleged to have had 3.8 taels of prepared opium in his

FORGED BANKNOTES.**EVIDENCE OF BANK ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT.**

The case against eleven Chinese on a charge of conspiracy to utter forged Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindell on Monday afternoon at the Central Magistrate's Court.

A Chinese woman, who was principal tenant of the floor at 114, Queen's Road West which was one of the addresses raided by the police in the case, stated that she recognized the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th defendants as being those who rented two cubicles. They moved in with quite a lot of furniture, but she did not see the bottle exhibited in Court until the place was raided by the police.

Mr. C. H. Eldridge, an assistant accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, called to give evidence as regards the false notes stated that the forty-one notes shown to him were essentially good forgeries. The words "The Hongkong and Shanghai" enclosed within the panel at the top were, however, appreciably shorter when compared with those on the genuine notes.

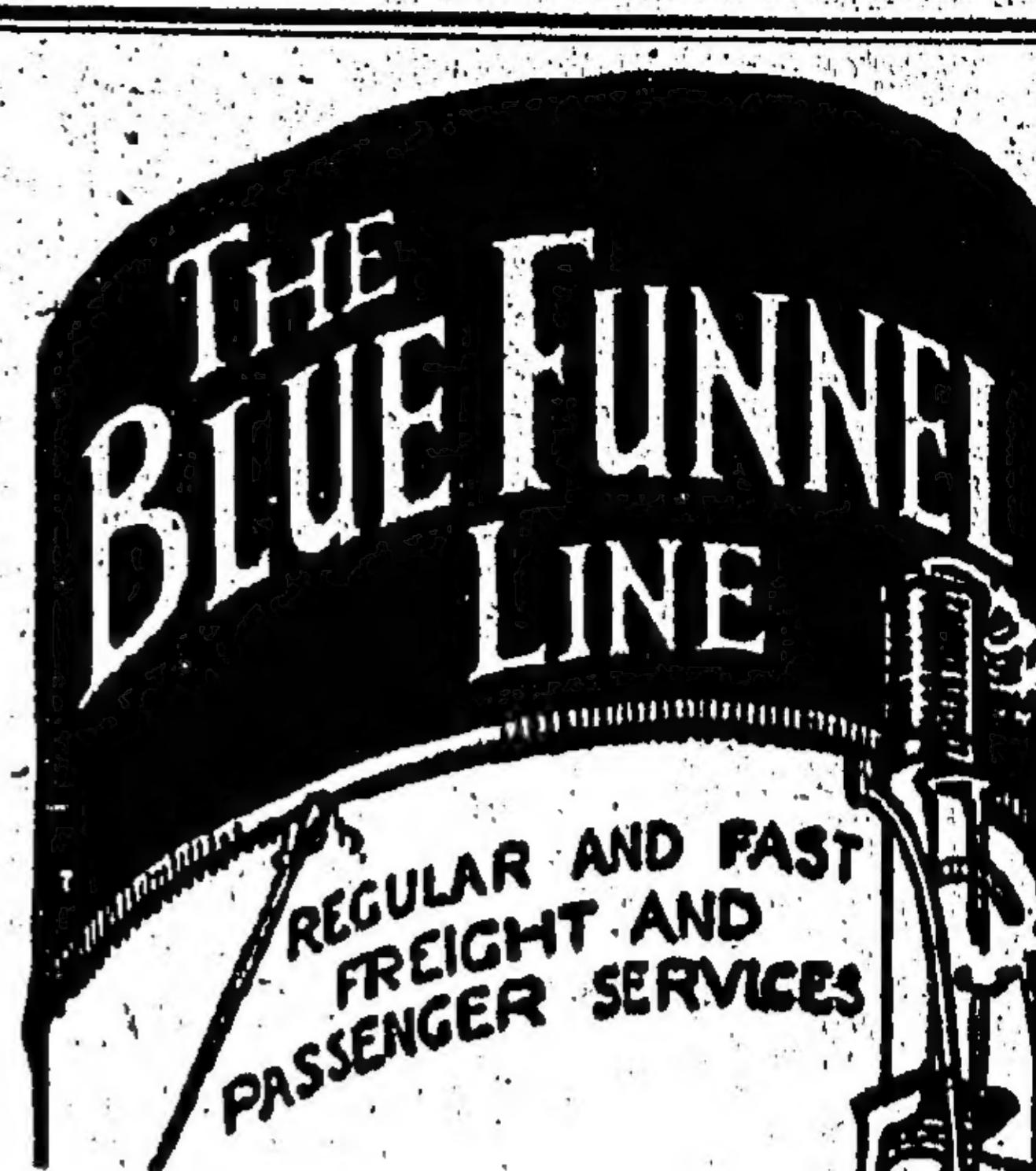
The forgeries purported to be those issued by the Bank on January 5, 1923, and bore a representation of the signature of the then Chief Accountant. The odd note shown to witness was identical with the other forgeries except that it purported to bear his own signature.

The case was adjourned.

possession at No. 44, Reclamation Street.

A fine of \$300 or six months' hard labour in default was imposed, the defendant having a previous conviction for keeping an opium den.

For being in possession of 3.3 taels of prepared opium a Chinese residing at No. 59, Nam Chong Street was fined \$260 or three months' hard labour.

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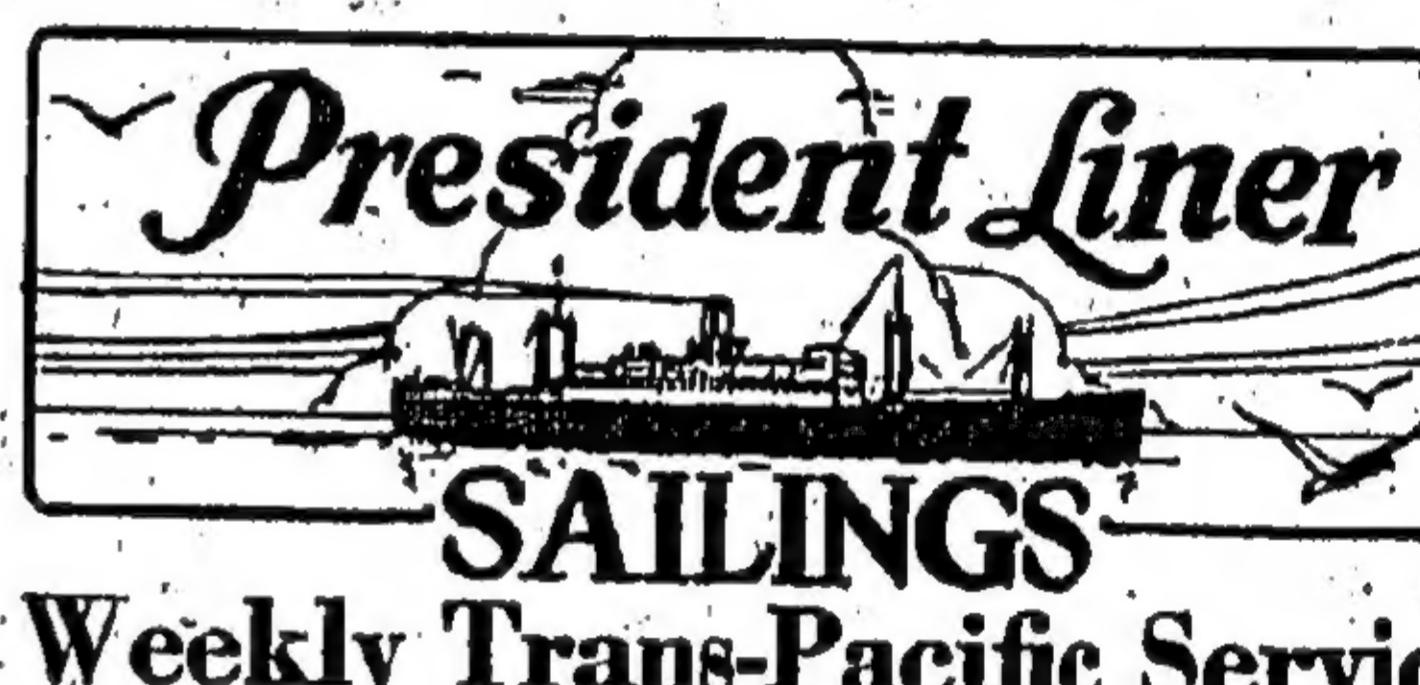
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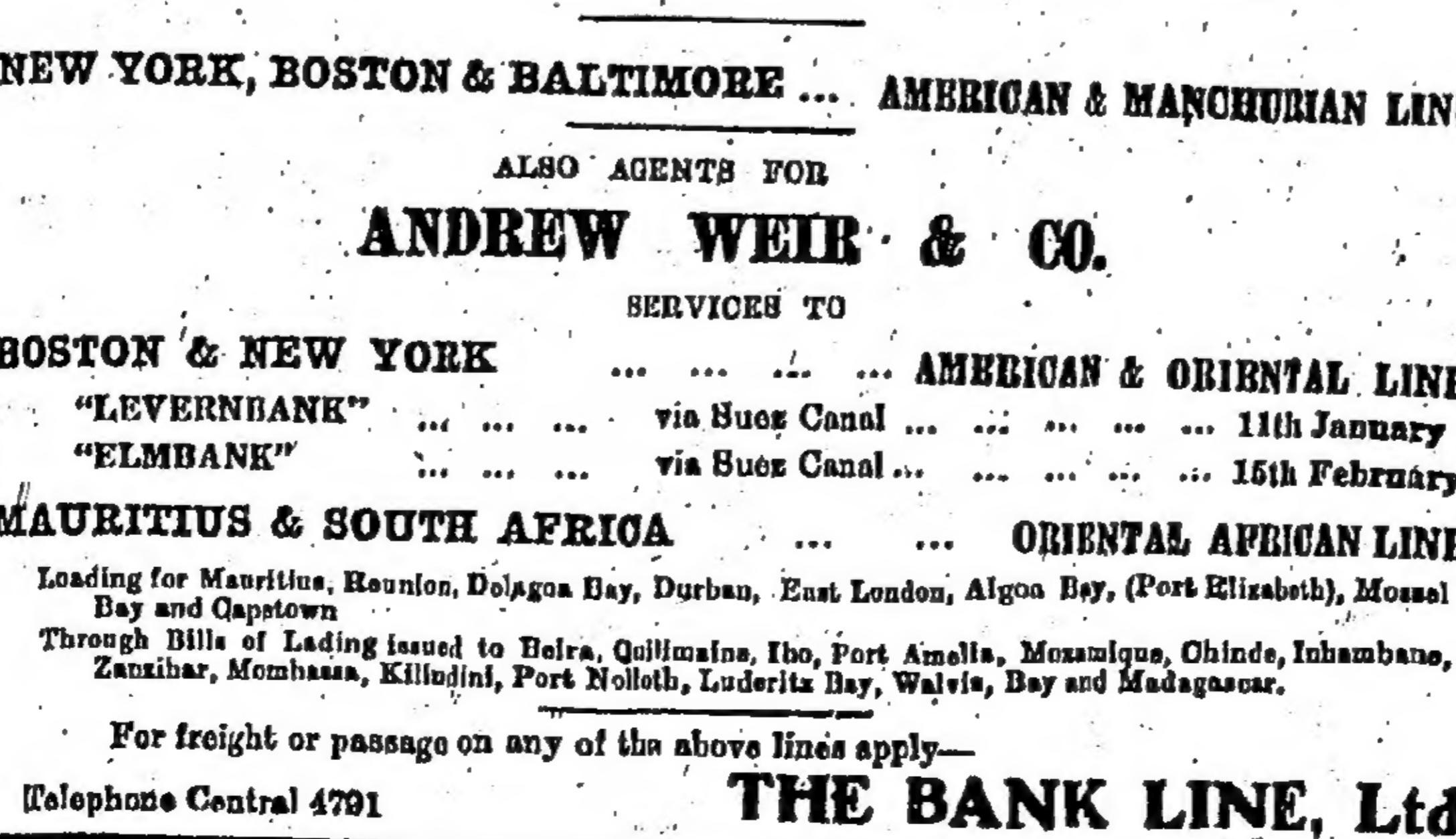
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CUSTOMS RIFT.

INSPECTOR GENERAL RESIGNS POST.

Peking, Dec. 31. Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, the Officiating Inspector General of Customs, has officially notified Reuter that his resignation was handed to the Finance Minister this morning.

A translation of Mr. Edwards' dispatch to the Finance Minister is as follows:

"The first essential in the efficient working of a service such as the Chinese Maritime Customs is loyal co-operation and discipline among the personnel of all ranks, and for the maintenance of such discipline it is imperative that there should be an individual head to such service, recognised and dealt with as such by the entire service, and Government."

"I have repeatedly warned you that the conditions which have been allowed to grow up in Shanghai during the past year have resulted in a form of dual control of the service, which is destroying the fine traditions of efficiency and discipline which have characterised the Customs Service for the past 70 years.

"No government service can be efficiently run where a form of dual control is not only allowed but encouraged, and as the promised steps have not been taken to eradicate the dual control which exists I now have to tender my resignation of the appointment as Officiating Inspector General and I would request the Government to appoint another Inspector General to take charge of the Customs Service without delay."—Reuter.

[Mr. A. H. F. Edwards was formerly Chief Secretary in the service, and was appointed acting Inspector General to take the place of Sir Frances Aglen in April, 1927. About the middle of January of that year mandates were issued for the collection of the 2½ per cent surtax. Sir Aglen was at that time in Hangkow, and on receipt of the Government's instructions to take charge of the collection of the surtax, explained that the Maritime Customs Service was not in a position to take charge of such collections in face of Japan's opposition. The Government ordered his return, but as he did not immediately return Mr. Edwards was appointed to take his place. Mr. Edwards' appointment as Officiating Inspector General was made definite about two months ago. Mr. Edwards was formerly at Canton and was wounded in the Shameen affray in 1925.]

THE FRANC FRAUD.

MADAME HANAU'S FINANCER ORDER DETAINED.

Paris, Dec. 31.

Following a lengthy examination of Madame Hanau, the magistrates ordered the financier, M. Amard, who is alleged to have acted as her emissary, to be detained in prison on a charge of complicity in the case.—Reuter.

MANAGER'S LAPSE.

SENTENCED FOR STEALING KNITTED ARTICLES.

Convictions were registered against all three defendants in the case in which three employees of the Shiu Hing Knitting Factory, of No. 1 Pitt Street, were charged on remand before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday with larceny of various articles of clothing.

In statements made by the defendants the three men admitted taking the articles mentioned in the charges but gave different reasons for doing so.

The first defendant said that he had been employed at the factory as assistant manager for several years and thought that he would have different articles of clothing knitted for himself.

The second defendant said that the manager (first defendant) and the third defendant (the tally clerk), knew he had taken the woollen pullover and socks.

The third defendant said that he had a waist-coat specially knitted for himself. The socks he was merely holding for the manager (the first defendant).

The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and the second and third to three months' each.

Mr. T. G. Bennett prosecuted on behalf of the proprietor of the Shiu Hing Knitting Factory, while Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented the first defendant, Mr. Leo d'Almada Jnr., the second and Mr. F. X. d'Almada Jnr., the third.

RUBBER AND TIN.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR SHARES.

During the past week fluctuations in the price of tin have been within somewhat narrower limits and according to advices received from London the metal market there continues in a nervous and unsettled state. Tin shares, both in Sterling and dollar Companies, have been quiet with prices for the most part unaltered.

Rubber remains very steady and as a result of a more optimistic feeling in the commodity market, there has been a steadily increasing demand for Rubber shares.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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STAR, SEAR, BEAR, BEAT,
BEST, BUST, DUST.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 3rd January, 1929, at 10 a.m.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 and noon within the free storage period.

No claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th January, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWINEY,
Hongkong, 30th December, 1928.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

RUSSIAN EMIGRE SENT TO PRISON FOR TEN YEARS.

Varawar, Dec. 31.

A Russian emigre, George Woyciechowski, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for attempting to murder the Soviet commercial counsellor, M. Lizareff.

[Woyciechowski fired a revolver at a motor car in which M. Lizareff and another member of the Soviet Legation were travelling on May 5. M. Lizareff was wounded in the hand by the bullet and in the face by splintered glass. Poland expressed regret to the Soviet government for the incident and gave an assurance that the deed would be severely punished.]

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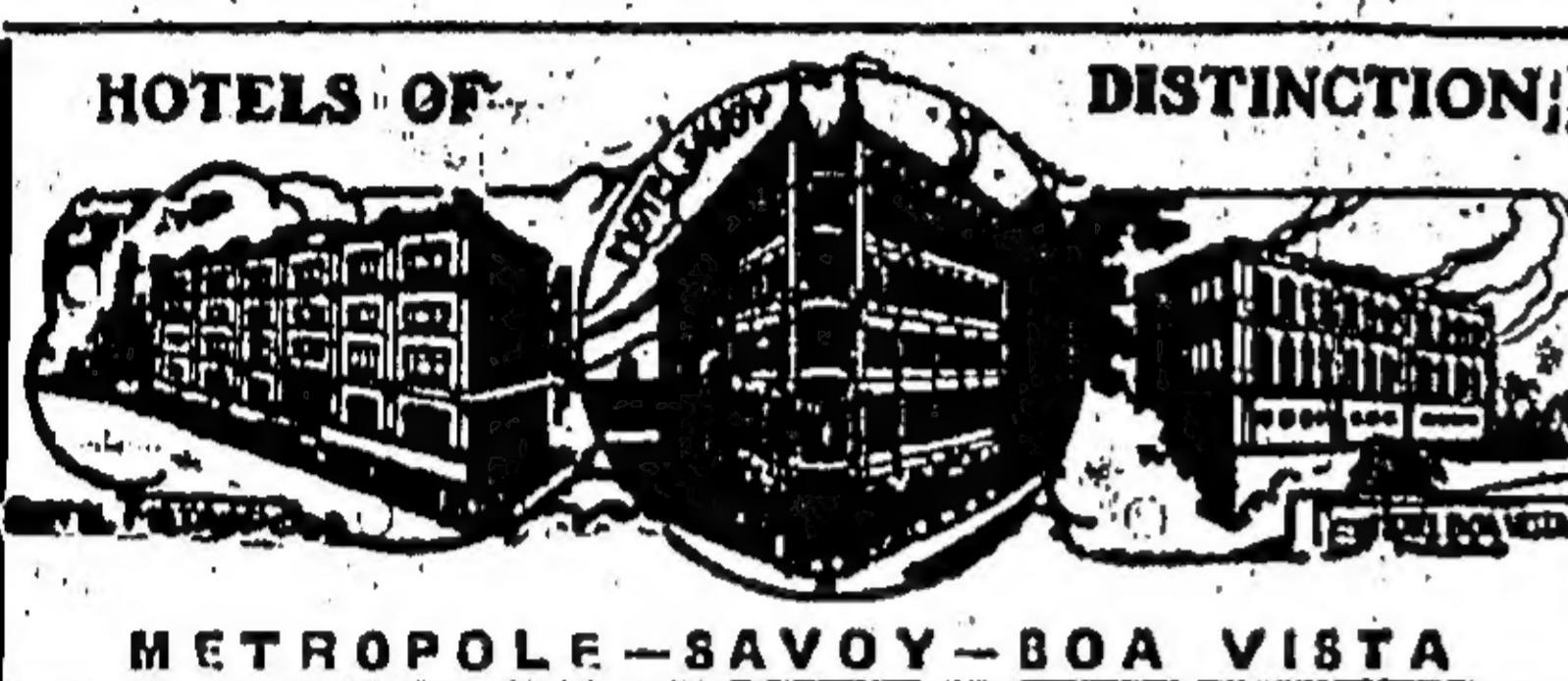
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NEW LIGHT MACHINE
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ORDERS FROM ABROAD.

London, Jan. 1.
A new type of machine has been added to the world-famous series of British light aeroplanes, and it marks an interesting development in the production of British aircraft.

The machine has been designed by Mr. Simmonds, who was formerly on the technical staff of the constructors of the well-known Super-marine Southampton Flying-boats in Hongkong recently, and has been named the Simmonds Spartan.

The whole of the first batch of twelve machines has been ordered and the first machine will be sent to America on Thursday.

Australia has ordered three for private owners, one is going to South Africa, more are booked for the United States and the remainder are for home purchasers.

Main Claim.

The main claim for the new machine is in the method of making all wings interchangeable and also such parts as rudders, elevators, rudder, tail piece, fin and flying wires.

The basis of this construction is the use of symmetrical wing sections, and although it has always been considered that they have certain disadvantages compared with the more usual wing with different camber top and bottom the designer of the Spartan claims that the particular section he has evolved compares well with those used on other light aircraft.

The engine is the Cirrus mark III which is a development of the type already widely circulated over the world. Its maximum speed is stated to be 103 miles an hour.

Schneider Cup.

America is to compete in this year's Schneider Trophy Race. Her entry reached London yesterday evening just before the time limit expired.

Up to yesterday, the only challengers who had come forward to fly against Britain who are holders of the cup, were Italy, from whom the British team wrested the trophy, and France.

It was thought that Germany also might enter at the last moment, but this did not materialise.

The entries now represent four countries and will provide a greater number of competitors than has been since 1925.

In the last contest, there have been only two countries competing. Each country enters three machines so that will be twelve machines flying in the race which will take place in the Solent in late August or early September.—British Wireless.

FUTURE OF HANKOW CONCESSIONS.**PROPOSED INCORPORATION BY MUNICIPALITY.**

Hankow, Jan. 1.
It is learned authentically that the Wuhan Municipal Council has approached the Hupen Provincial Political Council and gained its formal consent to take over the administration of the Special Administrative Districts Nos. 1 and 2 (the former Russian and German Concessions) in order to incorporate them into the Wuhan Municipality as from to-day. This proposal is causing much speculation here. It is considered doubtful if the proposal will be made effective regarding S.A.D. No. 2, which embraces considerable British and Japanese properties and holdings, numbering about fifty.

S. A. D. No. 3 (the former British Concession) is protected from this proposal by the Chen-O'Malley Agreement.—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICAN PEACE PROTOCOL.**BOLIVIA ACCEPTS WITH "MODIFICATIONS."**

Washington, Dec. 31.
It was announced at a meeting of the Pan-American Conciliation Congress to-day that Bolivia and Paraguay have agreed to accept the recommended Protocol for settlement of the dispute between the countries.

Later.
It is learned that Bolivia has accepted the Protocol suggested by the Pan-American Congress "with slight modifications."—Reuter.

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GHANDHI TRIUMPH IN INDIA.**NATIONAL CONGRESS READY TO FOLLOW LEAD.****DEMAND TO BRITAIN.**

Calcutta, Dec. 31.
The Indian National Congress has passed the resolution proposed by Gandhi, declaring that if the British Government by the end of 1929, has not accepted the principle of entire Dominion status for India, and the Constitution drafted by the Nehru Committee, the Congress will organise a non-cooperation movement.

The threat of the Congress includes an agitation urging a refusal to pay taxes.

An amendment was made by Subha Bose in favour of a demand for independence, but this was defeated by 1,550 votes to 970.

Gandhim emerged with flying colours from the National Congress, which unanimously passed a resolution proposed by Gandhi, laying down a comprehensive programme of mass organisation for the removal of untouchability, prohibition of liquor, a boycott of foreign cloth, and the stimulation of the production of homegrown.

The Nationalist leader remarked that if his programme was pursued with iron determination, Swaraj would be within their grasp within the year.

The Congress for the first time decided to interfere in the internal affairs of the Indian States, passing a resolution demanding that the Princes shall introduce responsible government within their States.—Reuter.

FORMER FRENCH PRESIDENT.**M. LOUBET CELEBRATES HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY.****HOW TO LIVE LONG.**

Paris, Jan. 1.
A spacious old house in a narrow street of the little town of Montelimar was to-day the scene of unbroken activity by postmen and telegraph messengers delivering congratulatory messages to M. Emile Loubet, the ex-President.

The occasion was the 100th birthday of M. Loubet, who was President from 1899 to 1906, when the Entente Cordiale was arranged.

M. Loubet, who was thus again up to yesterday, the only challenger who had come forward to fly against Britain who are holders of the cup, were Italy, from whom the British team wrested the trophy, and France.

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"TELEGRAPH" BRIDGE PUZZLES.

First of Series Appears In To-day's Issue.

The really difficult—and interesting—part of bridge comes when each player has only three or four cards left, and the maximum possible number of tricks have to be squeezed out of them.

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brought into the limelight, was surrounded by souvenirs of his term of office recalling the late King Edward VII, the Czar and Don Carlos.

He received interviewers with a characteristically cheery smile and unhesitatingly gave the following:

"A clear conscience, a good appetite, moderation in indulgence in spirits, never use the telephone, and double squarely in politics."—Reuter.

NEW ADMIRAL ON WAY OUT EAST.**DUE HERE BY P. AND O. LINER MACEDONIA.**

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HUGE INCREASE IN CUSTOMS.**OVER 13,000,000 T.L.S.****OVER 1927.****BIG RUSH OF IMPORTS TO AVOID NEW TARIFF.****THE FULL FIGURES.**

Peking, Jan. 1.
The Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs announces that the revenue for 1928, totals H.K. Tls. 32,332,000, an increase of 13,597,000 taels as compared with 1927.

At an average exchange of 2/11.16th, the revenue in sterling figures amounts to £12,028,000, as compared with £9,684,000 in 1927, when the average exchange was 2/9.18.16ths.

PROVINCIAL DETAILS.

The details of the principal provincial collections are as follows: Antung.—2,311,000 taels, an increase of 168,000 taels.

Dairen.—8,187,000 taels, an increase of 1,061,000 taels.

Newchwang.—1,184,000 taels, an increase of 194,000 taels.

Tientsin and Chinwangtso.—9,594,000 taels, an increase of 350,000 taels.

Kinchoow.—3,318,000 taels, an increase of 7,000 taels.

Hankow.—5,117,000 taels, an increase of 2,209,000 taels.

Shanghai.—33,659,000 taels, an increase of 7,978,000 taels.

Swallow.—3,074,000 taels, an increase of 6,046 taels.

Canton.—4,115,000 taels, a decrease of 16,000 taels.

Amoy.—1,118,000 taels, a decrease of 54,000 taels.

The Native Customs Revenue totalled 3,636,000 taels which was a decrease of 148,000 taels.

THE LOAN SERIES.

All the foreign loan and indemnity obligations secured upon the Customs revenue have been met in full, the silver cost of which was 57,388,000 Shanghai taels.

The service, both interest and redemption, of all the Domestic loans secured on the cancelled indemnities have been met in full. The interest on those Domestic Loans which is secured on the Customs surplus and the service of which is under the control of the officiating Inspector General has also been met in full.

Redemption payments on several of these latter loans have also been made but such payments, owing to the insufficiency of the revenue surplus, are still in arrear of schedule.

REASON FOR INCREASE.

The huge increase in the Customs revenue is attributed to the comparatively immense imports during the last quarter of the year, particularly piece goods, leaf tobacco, motor cars and flour, for the purpose of evading the new Tariff.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S RECORD.

Shanghai, Dec. 31.
It is estimated that the Customs revenue for Shanghai during 1928 will approximate thirty-three and a half million Haikuan taels, being nine millions in excess of 1927, and seven and a half lakhs over the record year 1926.

It must be remembered there have been phenomenal imports in the last quarter in connexion with the new tariff.—Reuter.

SONS NOW PARTNERS IN MORGAN'S.**INTERESTING NEW YORK ANNOUNCEMENT.**

New York, Dec. 31.
Great interest has been aroused in Wall Street by an announcement to the effect that the three sons of partners have been made partners in their own right in the great New York financial house, Messrs. J. P. Morgan and Company.

They are also made partners in their own right in the Morgan houses in London, Philadelphia and Paris.

The announcement is particularly interesting in none of the sons are over thirty years of age.

The youthful financiers are Henry Sturgis Morgan, the son of J. Pierpont Morgan; Thomas Stillwell Lamont, the son of T. W. Lamont; and Henry Pomroy Davison, the son of the late Henry P. Davison.—Reuter's American Service.

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